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HOUSE BILL NO. 676

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ANIMALS: Prohibits the transportation of domestic animals in pickup truck beds and utility trailers on certain roadways unless safely crated

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:284.1, relative to the transportation of domestic animals; to prohibit the
3 transportation in pickup truck beds and utility trailers on certain roadways; to
4 provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:284.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §284.1. Transporting domestic animals in pickup truck beds; utility trailers;
8 prohibited

9 A.(1) No person shall be permitted to transport a domestic animal in pickup
10 truck beds or utility trailers on roadways within this state having a posted speed limit
11 of forty miles per hour or greater.

12 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply if the domestic animal
13 is enclosed in a crate, container, or cage which is safely secured to the motor vehicle
14 or utility trailer, thereby preventing the domestic animal from falling, jumping, or
15 being thrown from the vehicle.

16 B. The provisions of this Section shall only apply to common "domestic
17 animals". For purposes of this Section, common domestic animals shall be defined
18 as all dogs and cats found to be in possession of the offender at the time of the
19 violation.

1 C.(1) The first violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable
2 by a fine of not more than seventy-five dollars.

3 (2) Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than
4 one hundred fifty dollars.

5 (3) If more than one domestic animal is transported in violation of this
6 Section, each act shall constitute a separate offense.

7 D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to livestock, farming, or
8 ranching animals.

DIGEST

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HB No. 676

Abstract: Prohibits animals from bring transported in the back of pickup trucks or utility trailers on certain highways unless properly crated or secured.

Proposed law prohibits drivers from transporting domestic animals in the back of pickup trucks or utility trailers on certain roadways having a posted speed limit of 40 miles per hour or greater.

Proposed law provides for exceptions relative to animals enclosed in a crate or container which is safely secured to the motor vehicle or utility trailer.

Proposed law provides for exceptions relative to livestock, farming, or ranching animals.

Proposed law provides that the penalty for the first violation be punishable by a \$75 fine. The second offense punishable by a \$150 fine.

Proposed law provides that each animal transported in violation of proposed law shall be considered as separate offenses.

(Adds R.S. 32:284.1)