

ACT No. 678

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:97.1(A) and to enact R.S. 14:97.1(C), relative to solicitation on certain highways and streets; to provide relative to the elements of the offense; to provide for a definition; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The legislature finds that the practices of solicitation and offering or donating to persons on public roadways or rights-of-way and interstate highways creates an unsafe situation for the well-being of both pedestrians and motorists within this state and all will be well served by implementation of this Act.

Section 2. R.S. 14:97.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:97.1(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§97.1. Solicitation on an interstate highway or in a public right-of-way

A. Solicitation on an interstate highway or in a public right-of-way is the intentional act of soliciting, begging, panhandling, or otherwise requesting anything of value on any interstate highway, public right-of-way, or any entrance or exit ramp of an interstate highway.

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1 C. For the purposes of this Section, "anything of value" means cash,
2 currency, coin, or any other financial instrument given to a person not exempted by
3 R.S. 32:218.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____