

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 171

BY SENATOR N. GAUTREAUX

TRAFFIC. Changes the name of the "Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Fund" and the disposition of monies collected for fines and penalties by local law enforcement for exceeding the posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:266(B), relative to traffic and speed limits on certain
3 highways; to provide relative to the disposition of fines for exceeding the posted
4 speed limit on an interstate highway to the "Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
5 Fund"; to change the name of the fund to the "Louisiana Highway Safety Fund"; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:266(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §266. Enforcement of speed limit on certain highways; disposition of fines

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11 B.(1) After deposit to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as required
12 under the provisions of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana,
13 all fines or penalties collected by or on behalf of a local law enforcement body for
14 citations issued for exceeding the posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour
15 on an interstate highway, shall be forwarded to the state treasurer and credited to a
16 special fund which is hereby created in the state treasury and designated as the
17 "Louisiana Highway Safety ~~Commission~~ Fund."

1 (2) The monies in the Louisiana Highway Safety ~~Commission~~ Fund shall be
 2 used solely ~~for implementation, administration, and enforcement of highway safety~~
 3 ~~programs~~ **to fund the costs to purchase and install permanent radar speed**
 4 **displays on interstate highways** and only in the amounts appropriated each year to
 5 the ~~commission~~ **Department of Transportation and Development** by the
 6 legislature. Any surplus monies and interest remaining to the credit of the fund on
 7 June thirtieth of each year after all such appropriations of the preceding fiscal year
 8 have been made shall remain to the credit of the fund, and no part thereof shall revert
 9 to the state general fund.

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor
 11 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 12 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

N. Gautreaux (SB 171)

Present law provides that after deposit to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund pursuant to Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 9(B), all fines or penalties collected by or on behalf of a local law enforcement body for citations issued for exceeding the posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour on an interstate highway, shall be forwarded to the state treasurer and credited to the "Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Fund."

Present law provides that money deposited into the fund shall be appropriated to the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission to be used solely for implementation, administration, and enforcement of highway safety programs.

Proposed law changes the name of the fund to the "Louisiana Highway Safety Fund" and provides that money deposited into the fund shall be appropriated to the Department of Transportation and Development solely to fund the costs to purchase and install permanent radar speed displays on interstate highways.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 32:266(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Reinstates present law that requires deposit of fines and penalties collected by local law enforcement bodies for citations issued for exceeding the posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour on an interstate highway.

2. Changes the name of the fund.
3. Requires appropriation of money deposited into the fund to the Department of Transportation and Development.
4. Changes the use of the money in the fund to pay the costs to purchase and install permanent radar speed displays on interstate highways.