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SENATE BILL NO. 372

BY SENATOR WARD

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides relative to liability of transportation network companies. (8/1/22)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 48:2206, relative to transportation network companies; to provide relative to
3	an exception to liability applicable to transportation network companies under
4	certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 48:2206 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§2206. Liability
8	A. A transportation network company shall not be held liable for
9	owning, operating, or maintaining the digital network accessed by a driver or
10	rider, or for being the company affiliated with a driver, when harm to a person
11	or property results from or arises out of the use, operation, or possession of a
12	motor vehicle operating as a company vehicle while the driver is logged on to
13	the digital network if all of the following apply:
14	(1) There is no negligence or criminal wrongdoing on the part of the
15	company.
16	(2) The company fulfilled all of its obligations relative to a driver as
17	required by this Chapter.

1 (3) The company is not the owner or custodian of the motor vehicle that 2 caused harm to persons or property. 3 B. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to modify or 4 reduce the insurance coverages, policy limits, or liability of any person as 5 established by contract or as required by any other provision of law. C. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to place any form 6 7 of liability on the state of Louisiana or the Louisiana Department of 8 Transportation and Development if the state or the department comply with the 9 applicable requirements of this Chapter.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides a transportation network company cannot be held liable for owning, operating, or maintaining the digital network accessed by a driver or rider, or for being the company affiliated with a driver, when harm to a person or property results from or arises out of the use, operation, or possession of a motor vehicle operating as a company vehicle while the driver is logged on to the digital network if all of the following apply:

- (1) There is no negligence or criminal wrongdoing on the part of the company.
- (2) The company fulfilled all of its obligations relative to a driver as required by <u>present</u> law.
- (3) The company is not the owner or custodian of the motor vehicle that caused harm to persons or property.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> it is not intended to modify or reduce the insurance coverages, policy limits, or liability of any person as established by contract or as required by <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts the state and the Dept. of Transportation and Development from liability if the state or the department, respectively, comply with applicable provisions of <u>present law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 48:2206)