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SENATE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY SENATOR COLOMB

MOTOR VEHICLES. Requests study of the safety of pets riding inside of motor vehicles without proper restraint.

A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

To request the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to meet and function as a joint committee to study the safety of pets riding inside of motor vehicles without proper restraint.

WHEREAS, unrestrained pets may become a distraction for operators of motor vehicles while driving; and

WHEREAS, distractions cause and contribute to motor vehicle collisions that result in property damage, personal injury, and death; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration continues to report increases in fatality and injury crashes by distracted drivers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, other states and municipalities are requiring that pets are properly restrained when riding as a pet passenger in a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that an unrestrained pet may turn into a deadly projectile, get crushed by a driver or passenger who is thrown forward in a motor vehicle collision, and can cause or contribute to injury or death of both human and pet occupants of a motor vehicle involved in a motor vehicle crash.

THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests that the Senate Committee on

Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works conduct a study jointly to consider the safety of pets riding unrestrained in a motor vehicle.

A copy of this Study Request shall be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.

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

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