

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

1 AN ACT

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

13 §97.1. Solicitation on an interstate highway or in a public right-of-way

14 A. Solicitation on an interstate highway or in a public right-of-way is the  
15 intentional act of soliciting, begging, panhandling, or otherwise requesting anything  
16 of value on any interstate highway, public right-of-way, or any entrance or exit ramp  
17 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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_