

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

CRIME: Provides relative to the crime of solicitation on certain highways and streets

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

9 §97.1. Solicitation or offering on an interstate highway or a public street

10 A. Solicitation or offering on an interstate highway or a public street is the
11 intentional act of soliciting, begging, panhandling, offering or otherwise requesting
12 anything of value on any public street, interstate highway, or on any entrance or exit
13 ramp of an interstate highway.

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15 C. For the purposes of this Section, "anything of value" means cash,
16 currency, coin, or any other financial instrument.

17 Section 2. The legislature finds that the safety and welfare of both motorists and
18 pedestrians within this state may all be well served by implementation of this Act.

DIGEST

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HB 97 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the elements of solicitation on interstate highways and public streets.

Present law provides that the crime of solicitation on an interstate highway is the intentional act of soliciting, begging, panhandling or otherwise requesting anything of value on any interstate highway or on any entrance or exit ramp of an interstate highway.

Proposed law prohibits offering anything of value as an alternative element of this present law crime. Further prohibits the commission of this offense on a public street.

Proposed law provides for a definition of "anything of value".

Proposed law provides that the legislature finds that the safety and welfare of both motorists and pedestrians within La. may all be well served by implementation of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 14:97.1(A); Adds R.S. 14:97.1(C))