

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 417

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

TRAFFIC/ACCIDENTS: Limits the investigation of traffic accidents by law enforcement in the Parish of Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:398(N), relative to traffic accident investigations in the Parish of Orleans;
3 to provide a limitation on the types of accidents that may be investigated by law
4 enforcement in the Parish of Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:398(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §398. Accident reports; when and to whom made; information aid; fees for copies;
8 fees for accident photographs

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10 N. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, in the Parish of Orleans,
11 a law enforcement officer shall only be required to investigate accidents with any of
12 the following conditions:

13 (1) Accidents resulting in the death or injury to any person.

14 (2) Accidents involving a driver who refuses to or cannot provide a driver's
15 license, proof of insurance, or vehicle registration.

16 (3) Accidents involving a driver who is suspected of being under the
17 influence of alcohol, narcotics, or other controlled substances.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a limitation on the types of accidents that may be investigated by law enforcement in the Parish of Orleans.

Present law requires state police or the sheriff's office to investigate all accidents that occur within their parish or municipality.

Proposed law limits law enforcement traffic accident investigations in the Parish of Orleans to the following: an accident that results in death or injury to any person, an accident that involves a driver who refuses to or cannot provide a driver's license, proof of insurance, or vehicle registration, or an accident involving a driver who is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or other controlled substances.

(Adds R.S. 32:398(N))