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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAAY

LICENSING: Urges and requests the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the notification process of pulled licenses for offenders when they are pulled over for a traffic violation and their license is taken

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the process
3 of increasing the sharing of information between the office of public safety and the
4 office of motor vehicles when the offender of a traffic violation has their license
5 taken by a law enforcement officer.

6 WHEREAS, it is imperative to the safety of all citizens and motorists that all state
7 agencies and offices communicate with each other and share information, particularly as it
8 pertains to the safety of roadways; and

9 WHEREAS, there is an apparent disconnect between the transfer of information
10 when the driver of a motor vehicle is pulled over for a traffic violation and their license is
11 taken by a law enforcement officer; and

12 WHEREAS, this information and details of the occurrence should be transmitted to
13 the office of motor vehicles immediately; and

14 WHEREAS, there have been incidents when that information has not been reported
15 to the office of motor vehicles and the driver then proceeds to the office of motor vehicles
16 and obtains a new license without the office of public safety or any other law enforcement
17 agent knowing; and

18 WHEREAS, this creates a problem for both offices because the office of public
19 safety and the local entity that issued the traffic citation no longer have any leverage over
20 the offender to pay their fine; and

1 WHEREAS, additionally, the offender no longer has any incentive to report back to
2 the law enforcement official and retrieve their license because they have obtained a new
3 license free of hassle or punishment; and

4 WHEREAS, incidents such as these have become an issue in Louisiana and occur far
5 too often; and

6 WHEREAS, the office of public safety may confer with and receive input from other
7 state agencies, including other law enforcement organizations and agencies, in conducting
8 this study.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and
11 Corrections to study the process by which the office of public safety and the office of motor
12 vehicles share information relating to drivers' licenses that are taken by law enforcement
13 officers during traffic stops, to develop a plan or method for the immediate reporting of all
14 information from one agency to the other in the event that the offender has their driver's
15 license taken, and to report their findings to the House Committee on Transportation,
16 Highways and Public Works by December 31, 2014.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles, the superintendent of state police, and
19 the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to study the process and expediency by which information is shared between the office of public safety and the office of motor vehicles relative to the taking of a driver's license of an offender for a traffic violation.