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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAHAY

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES