

## **House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
April 18, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Terry Landry, vice chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. in Room 3, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., vice chairman  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative Stephen F. Carter  
Representative A B Franklin  
Representative Jerry Gisclair  
Representative John E. Guinn  
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall  
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill  
Representative Frank A. Howard  
Representative H. Bernard LeBas  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Jack Montoucet  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative J. Rogers Pope  
Representative Malinda B. White

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman  
Representative Bryan Adams  
Representative Barbara M. Norton

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kimberly Callaway, attorney  
Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney

Angelique R. Mozee, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**House Bill No. 1010 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 1010, which changes the annual royalty fee for the "Lung Cancer Alliance" special prestige motor vehicle license plate.

Karen St. Germain, commissioner, Office of Motor Vehicles, P. O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1010.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to make a technical change. Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1010 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 1010 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

**House Bill No. 233 by Representative Stokes**

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 233, which provides relative to the regulation of autonomous vehicles operating on the highways of this state.

Representative Montoucet offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No. 233. Representative Montoucet offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Montoucet offered a motion to report House Bill No. 233 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 233 was reported by substitute by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 774 by Representative Stokes**

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 774, which establishes a decal program and annual fee for electric vehicles operating on the highways of this state.

Ann Shaneyfelt, Louisiana Clean Fuels, 38190 Springwood Ave., Prairieville, Louisiana 70769, (225) 342-3476, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 774 and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Karen St. Germain, commissioner, Office of Motor Vehicles, P. O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896, (225) 925-4656, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 774.

Representative Terry Landry offered amendments to:

1. Remove that a decal would be issued to the owner of an electric plug-in vehicles upon payment of an annual fee and upon initial registration of the vehicle in La.
2. Instead require that the payment of the annual fee will be noted on the registration of the vehicle upon payment of the fee and upon registration of the vehicle in La.
3. Remove that the decal would be valid for 12 consecutive months and renewed annually upon payment of a fee.
4. Instead require that the fee be collected at the time of registration of the vehicle and renewal thereof and collected for each year that the registration is valid.
5. Within the definition of "plug-in electric vehicle", provide that the "external source of electricity" from which the vehicle can be recharged from is that which is provided by a public utility or any person owning, leasing or operating charging equipment, provided such person is not engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity.
6. Remove that the Dept. of Revenue would be responsible for establishing a form for the initial decal program and the procedures for the annual renewal of decals, transfer of decals, and collection of the annual fee.
7. Add that the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles, in consultation with the Dept. of Revenue, may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement proposed law.

8. Add that after compliance with the state constitution, all monies collected pursuant to proposed law must be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Representative Marcelle offered a motion to report House Bill No. 774 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 774 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Terry Landry, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 481 by Representative James**

Representative Terry Landry announced that action on House Bill No. 481, which provides relative to the issuance and possession of drivers' licenses, is being voluntarily deferred.

#### **House Bill No. 1063 by Representative Robbie Carter**

Representative Terry Landry announced that action on House Bill No. 1063, which provides that certain fees assessed by the office of motor vehicles for failure to maintain automobile liability insurance become final delinquent debt sixty days after receipt of notice by the owner, is being voluntarily deferred.

#### **House Bill No. 1132 by Representative Davis**

Representative Terry Landry announced that action on House Bill No. 1132, which increases penalties for moving violations when children are present in the vehicle at the time of the violation, is being voluntarily deferred.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kenneth E. Havard  
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: