

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
April 5, 2022

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

Representative Mark Wright, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Mark Wright, chairman  
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass, vice chairman  
Representative Mack Marcel Cormier  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
Representative Dodie Horton  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Joseph A. Marino, III  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Vincent J. Pierre  
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn  
Representative Larry Selders

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Cedric B. Glover

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

LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney  
Carlesia Bibbins, attorney  
Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms  
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**House Bill No. 128 by Representative DeVillier**

Chairman Wright announced that action on House Bill No. 128, which provides relative to a blanket oversize yearly permit for trucks and trailers hauling heavy equipment, was voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 761 by Representative Tarver**

Chairman Wright announced that action on House Bill No. 761, which provides funding for the Calcasieu River Bridge along Interstate 10, was voluntarily deferred.

**House Bill No. 127 by Representative DeVillier**

Representative DeVillier presented House Bill No. 127, which reduces speed limits on certain portions of U.S. Highway 190 and Louisiana Highway 91.

Mr. Dave Johnson, Town of Basie, 121 North Third Street, Eunice, LA 70535, (337) 457-2890, spoke in support of House Bill No. 127 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mayor Mark Danaid, Town of Basie, P.O. Box 308, Basie, LA 70515, (337) 789-6276, spoke in support of House Bill No. 127.

Secretary Shawn Wilson, DOTTED, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only.

Representative Charles Owen offered a motion to report House Bill No. 127 favorably, to which Representative Marino objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 127 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas, 7 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Horton, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, and Selders voted yea. Representatives Freiberg, Gadberry, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted nay. Representative Wright abstained.

**House Bill No. 825 by Representative Gregory Miller**

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 825, which provides relative to licensed practical nurses who administer chemical tests for intoxication.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 825 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 825 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Marino, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 154 by Representative Turner**

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 154, which provides relative to the authorization of the Bayou DURBAN Lake Watershed District to prohibit the operation of certain motor vessels on Lake DURBAN when the lake is above flood stage.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 154 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 154 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Robert Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

**House Bill No. 814 by Representative Barnum**

Representative Barnum presented House Bill No. 814, which provides relative to tolls and fees.

Secretary Shawn Wilson, DOTTED, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only.

*Representative Brass in the chair.*

Mr. Benny Roselle, District 5 Placeman Parish Council, 1012 Epsilon Street, Belle Chasse, LA 70037, (504) 430-8366, spoke in support of House Bill No. 814.

Ms. Renee AAR, Louisiana Motor Transport Association, 4838 Bennington Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, no phone number provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 814.

Mr. Victor Scorsone, Plaquemines Parish, 125 Woodchase Street, Belle Chasse, LA 70037, (504) 391-0786, spoke in support of House Bill No. 814.

Mr. Eric Cormier, Southwest Louisiana Alliance, 4310 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605, (337) 433-3632, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 814.

Senator Rick Ward spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 814.

Representative Cormier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 814 favorably, to which Representative Freiberg objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed by a vote of 6 yeas, 9 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cormier, Edmonston, Horton, Marino, Charles Owen, and Schamerhorn voted yea. Representatives Brass, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Larvadain, Moore, Robert Owen, Pierre, and Selders voted nay. Representative Wright abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 8 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 302 by Representative Freeman**

Representative Freeman presented House Bill No. 302, which provides relative to the booting of motor vehicles parked on private property.

Mr. Austin Badon, clerk of court, P.O. Box 870936, New Orleans, LA 70187, spoke in support of House Bill No. 302.

Mr. Jim Heger, Premium Parking, 601 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70187, spoke in support of House Bill No. 302.

Representative Cormier offered a motion to report House Bill No. 302 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 302 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 790 by Representative Hollis**

On behalf of Representative Hollis, Mr. Kevin Cunningham, APCIA, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, presented House Bill No. 790, which provides relative to certificate of ownership and salvage title for motor vehicles declared to be a total loss.

Representative Wright offered amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.

2. Remove a provision that prohibited the notarized signature or electronic signature of the owner who has received or is to receive a total loss settlement relative to any document, including an original or certified copy of a power of attorney, supporting an application for certificate of ownership or certificate of salvage title by an insurer or an agent of an insurer.
3. Modify proof of payment language when a lien has not been released in seven days to authorize the insurer or its agent to provide proof of full payment and a copy of the most recent letter of guarantee from the lien holder indicating the payoff amount.
4. Clarify that payments made by check must consist of a copy of the front and back of the paid check listing all endorsements of the named payees.
5. Add a requirement that any screenshot of payment submission certify that the payoff funds were not returned by the lienholder.

Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Representative Selders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 790 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 790 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

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

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

The minutes from the 2021 Regular Session dated April 14, April 21, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 11, May 17, and May 24 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Selders offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Horton offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Cormier, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Moore, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mark Wright  
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: