

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 268

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Police to work in conjunction with the Louisiana office of motor vehicles, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, and the Louisiana Motor Transport Association to study the feasibility of updating the process and applicable fees for the inspection of commercial motor vehicles required to be inspected under the provisions of federal regulations.

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:1306(C)(5) provides for the operation of official inspection stations and provides in pertinent part for the fees charged for the inspection of all commercial motor vehicles required to be inspected under the provisions of Part 396 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including Part 396.17 and "Appendix G" thereof; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:1306(C)(5) also provides, in pertinent part, that the Legislature of Louisiana declares that a commercial motor vehicle inspection is much more extensive than state inspections and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspections; and

WHEREAS, although the Legislature of Louisiana has recognized that the extensive inspection involved in a federal inspection of a commercial motor vehicle mandates an increase in fees compared to the state inspection of a commercial motor vehicle, there is no standard fee established for the inspection, causing fewer stations to offer federal inspections; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:1311(E)(2) authorizes the owner or operator of a commercial motor vehicle, truck, or tractor to obtain a Louisiana commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate to satisfy the requirements of federal regulations as an alternate means of

compliance, yet with fewer stations offering the federal inspection, there are ongoing issues with the option to purchase either inspection and a select group of commercial motor vehicles that receive citations for failure to have the federal inspection.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Police to work in conjunction with the Louisiana office of motor vehicles, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the Louisiana Motor Transport Association to study the feasibility of updating the process and applicable fees for the inspection of all commercial motor vehicles required to be inspected under the provisions of Part 396 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including Part 396.17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Police, in conjunction with the Louisiana office of motor vehicles, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, and the Louisiana Motor Transport Association, shall submit a report detailing the results of its study to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana State Police, the Louisiana office of motor vehicles, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the chairman of the Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, and the Louisiana Motor Transport Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES