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2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 354

BY SENATOR OWEN

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ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Provides for increased signage and penalties for driving in left lane on the state highways. (8/1/24)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 32:71(B)(2) and (D), relative to the use of signage to enforce
3	traffic regulations; to provide for signs on Louisiana Highways; to provide for an
4	increased penalty fee for violation; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 32:71(B)(2) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7	follows:
8	§71. Driving on right side of road; exceptions
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10	B. * * *
11	(2) In addition to the requirement of Paragraph 1 hereof of this Subsection
12	any vehicle proceeding on a multilane highway at a speed slower than ten miles per
13	hour less than the posted maximum speed limit shall be driven in the right hand lane
14	then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of
15	the roadway, except when overtaking and passing a vehicle proceeding in the same
16	direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or
17	driveway. Persons in violation of this Paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not

1 more than one two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than thirty 2 days, or both. 3 D. The Department of Transportation and Development is directed to place 4 "Slower traffic keep right - Fines Enforced" signs at equally spaced intervals on multilane highways in locations where there is a high incidence of traffic 5 citations due to violations of this Section, in an effort to make motorists aware of 6 7 the provisions provided for in this Section. Signage required by this Subsection 8 shall be erected no later than January 1, 2026. 9

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

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<u>Present law</u> provides for DOTD to place signs on multilane highways.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further requires DOTD to place signs at equally spaced intervals with specific information.

Present law provides for a fine of \$100.

Proposed law increases the fine to \$200.

Proposed law provides for an implementation date for erecting a signage.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 32:71(B)(2) and (D))