

Regular Session, 2008
HOUSE BILL NO. 788
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

ACT No. 89

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:235 and to repeal R.S. 30:2534, relative to the adopt-a-road program; to
3 transfer the adopt-a-road program to the Department of Transportation and
4 Development; to repeal the adopt-a-road program within the Department of
5 Environmental Quality; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:235 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §235. Adopt-a-road program

9 A. The department is authorized to develop a program to be known as
10 "adopt-a-road", whereby a business or a private civic organization may adopt a
11 section of state-maintained highway, interstate highway, or interstate highway
12 interchange for the sole purpose of controlling litter along that section of highway,
13 interstate highway, or interstate highway interchange. The department may also
14 enter into cooperative endeavor agreements to effectuate the purposes of this Section.
15 Included in the responsibilities of any business or private civic organization which
16 chooses to participate in the program shall be the following:

17 (1) Development of a functional plan to influence and encourage the public
18 to improve the appearance of the adopted section of highway.

19 (2) A general cleanup of the area at least twice a year.

20 (3) Assistance to the department in securing media coverage for the program.

21 B. The department shall also develop a program whereby a business or
22 private civic organization may adopt the median of a portion of a state-maintained
23 highway inside a municipality. The business or private civic organization shall
24 control litter, cut grass, maintain existing shrubs and trees, and trim curbs. It may

1 also plant flowers and additional plants if approved by the department. The adoption
2 of these areas shall be for a period of at least one year.

3 C. Any organization which adopts an interstate highway interchange shall
4 conduct its general cleanup of such areas only when escorted by a municipal or
5 parish law enforcement officer or other person approved by the department.

6 D. Any parish or municipality which maintains a portion of the green space
7 along a state-maintained highway, interstate highway, or interstate highway
8 interchange may place a sign identifying the parish or municipality upon approval
9 of the department.

10 E. Any parish or municipality which has a parkway adoption program may
11 place a sign identifying an organization, business, department of government, or
12 individual that adopts a section of state-maintained highway, interstate highway, or
13 interstate highway interchange upon approval of the department.

14 F. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the
15 provisions of this Section.

16 Section 2. R.S. 30:2534 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

17 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____