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## **SENATOR FRED MILLS ENCOURAGES A LITTER-FREE LOUISIANA**

### **PROPOSES SENATE BILL 222 TO REQUIRE DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES TO INCLUDE A SEGMENT ON THE EFFECTS OF LITTERING**

District 22 State Senator Fred Mills (R-Parks) knows that keeping Louisiana litter-free and beautiful is imperative for many different reasons. Litter has a negative impact on the state's natural resources, wildlife, health, national reputation and citizens' pocketbooks. According to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful organization, the state spends more than \$40 million per year to clean up highways. Sen. Mills believes that the cost is just too high, in more ways than one, which is why he has filed Senate Bill 222.

"The people of the state need to realize the economic effects of littering" said Sen. Mills "We need to start making a generational change and teach our youth about the negative consequences of littering early. It is my hope that if our citizens, in particular motorists, can understand the consequences of their actions, they will be less likely to treat our Sportsman's Paradise as a dumping ground."

Senate Bill 222 requires driver education courses, training programs, and prelicensing training courses for children and adults to include teaching the economic effects of littering. If approved by the legislature and governor, the measure would become law January 1, 2012. It is scheduled to be heard on May 5 by the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

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