

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 695

2024 Regular Session

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TRANSPORTATION: Creates an overweight permit to transport earthen material for government funded levee projects.

DIGEST

Proposed law establishes a per project special overweight permit for trucks transporting earthen materials for government funded levee projects.

Proposed law specifies that the permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

Proposed law requires that the permit be issued in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) The applicant for the special permit must designate the specific routes to be utilized for transporting the earthen materials and identify the project for which they are transporting materials upon application.
- (2) The permit fee is \$1,000 per project. Requires a new permit if the project exceeds the one-year validity of the project.
- (3) The vehicle or straight truck must not exceed a gross weight of 70,000 lbs. for which 22,000 lbs. for a steering axle and 48,000 lbs. for tridum group while operating on any state-maintained highway except on the Interstate system.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to impose a penalty for each violation of the weight limit established by present law.

Proposed law defines "earthen materials" as materials which include minerals, rocks, and soil.

Proposed law establishes a special permit relating only to the hauling of raw input materials for concrete and finished concrete products.

Proposed law establishes a special permit relating only to single unit dump-trucks and with no limitation as to the material being hauled.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the department to promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that nothing contained in proposed law preempts municipal or parish ordinances from regulating weight limits on municipal or parish streets or roads.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.21, 387.22, and 387.23)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

- 1. Change the gross weight from 90,000 lbs. to 70,000 lbs for which 22,000 lbs. for single axle and 48,000 lbs. for tridum group.
- 2. Clarify that nothing contained in proposed law will preempt municipal or parish ordinances from regulating weight limits on municipal or parish streets or roads.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the axle type from a single axle to a steering axle for the special permit applicable to the operation of a vehicle combination.
2. Change the civil penalty imposed in present law from five cents to one cent.
3. Remove water from being included in the definition of "earthen materials".

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the reengrossed bill

1. Adds a special permit relating only to the hauling of raw input materials for concrete and finished concrete products.
2. Adds a special permit relating only to single unit dump-trucks and with no limitation as to the material being hauled.
3. Provides that the permit for transporting earthen materials is issued for each truck, and not for persons who operate trucks.
4. Changes combination vehicle to straight truck.
5. Changes penalty from per pound to each violation pursuant to present law.