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HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX AND ST. GERMAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Permits employees of the La. Fire and Emergency Training Institute to drive vehicles without a commercial driver's license (CDL) in the course and scope of their employment

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:402(C)(5), relative to driver's license requirements; to provide that certain
3 drivers of emergency medical vehicles or firefighting equipment are permitted to
4 drive without a commercial motor vehicle driver's license for certain purposes; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:402(C)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §402. All drivers must secure license; exception; emergency vehicle exception;
9 military personnel exceptions; violations

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13 (5) A Class "E" driver's license shall be the only driver's license required of
14 an employee of the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Institute when he is
15 operating an emergency medical vehicle or firefighting equipment and undertaking
16 his duties or providing routine maintenance for the vehicle or equipment in the
17 course and scope of his employment. The emergency vehicle or firefighting
18 equipment shall be equipped with audible and visual signals as required by Federal
19 Motor Carrier Safety Administration rules.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits employees of the La. Fire and Emergency Training Institute to drive vehicles without a commercial driver's license (CDL) in the course and scope of their employment.

Present law requires every person who operates a motor vehicle which is designated as being either Class "A", "B", "C", "D", or "E" by R.S. 32:408 to secure appropriately classified driver's license with all necessary endorsements before driving or operating any such motor vehicle on any public street, road, or highway of this state.

Proposed law retains present law and provides a licensing exception from present law for an operator of an emergency medical vehicle or firefighting equipment who is employed by the La. Fire Training and Emergency Institute and undertaking tasks in the course and scope of his employment.

Proposed law provides that such operator is only required to have a Class "E" driver's license.

(Adds R.S. 32:402(C)(5))