

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER

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

MTR VEHICLE/COMMERCIAL: Permits DOTD to issue special permits for vehicles and loads of certain widths

1 AN ACT

2 To amend R.S. 32:387(B)(2) and to repeal R.S. 32:387.2, 387.3, 387.13, 387.15, and 387.18,
3 relative to oversized vehicles; to provide authority to the Department of
4 Transportation and Development to issue permits for oversized loads or vehicles; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:387(B)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 §387. Special permits

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10 B.

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12 (2) Subject to the provisions of Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsection
13 ~~B of this Section~~, the secretary ~~shall~~ may issue special permits to permit movement
14 along the interstate highway system within Louisiana ~~of mobile homes up to~~
15 ~~fourteen feet in width~~ of vehicles and loads up to sixteen feet in width. The request
16 for a permit may be denied, if the secretary determines that the vehicle or load
17 traveling along the proposed route would endanger the public due to construction,
18 highway conditions, or traffic along the proposed route.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 32:387.2, 387.3, 387.13, 387.15, and 387.18 are hereby repealed in
2 their entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits movement of oversized vehicles and loads up to 16 feet in width on interstate highways if the movement does not endanger the public.

Present law permits the DOTD secretary to issue special permits to allow the movement of mobile homes up to 14 feet in width along interstate highways.

Proposed law permits the DOTD secretary to issue special permits to allow the movement of vehicles and loads up to 16 feet in width, including mobile homes, along interstate highways.

Present law permits the DOTD secretary to refuse to issue a permit under present law if the public would be endangered by the movement of a 14 foot mobile home on the interstate highway because of construction, conditions of the highway or traffic.

Proposed law allows the DOTD secretary to refuse to issue a permit under proposed law if he determines that the vehicle or load, up to 16 feet in width, traveling along the proposed route would endanger the public due to construction, highway conditions, or traffic along the proposed route.

Present law permits the DOTD secretary to issue special permits to allow the movement of precast, fiberglass swimming pools and tanks up to 16 feet in width; portable and modular buildings up to 16 feet in width; boats up to 16 feet in width, and specialized heavy haul equipment up to 16 feet in width on interstate highways. Present law allows the secretary of DOTD to deny the issuance of a permit for movement of these items if he determines the public would be endangered by their movement because of construction, conditions of the highway, or traffic.

Proposed law repeals provisions of present law relating to the issuance of special permits for the movement of precast, fiberglass swimming pools and tanks up to 16 feet in width; portable and modular buildings up to 16 feet in width; boats up to 16 feet in width, and specialized heavy haul equipment up to 16 feet in width.

(Amends R.S. 32:387(B)(2); Repeals R.S. 32:387.2, 387.3, 387.13, 387.15 and 387.18)