

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 825

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

MTR VEHICLE/TRUCK REGS: Provides relative to dump trucks

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:388(B)(4)(b)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.
3 32:388(B)(1)(b)(v) and (4)(b)(xvi) through (xviii), relative to trucks hauling
4 construction aggregates; to provide that such authorization to exceed the maximum
5 gross vehicle weight limit shall not apply in certain circumstances; to provide for
6 exceptions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:388(B)(4)(b)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
9 reenacted and R.S. 32:388(B)(1)(b)(v) and (4)(b)(xvi) through (xviii) are hereby enacted to
10 read as follows:

11 §388. Penalties; payments

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13 B.(1)

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15 (b)

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17 (v) No dump truck hauling concrete or construction aggregates shall be
18 assessed a penalty for exceeding its maximum permissible axle weight, as
19 determined by law, provided the total excess gross weight is five percent or less of
20 the truck's maximum permissible gross weight, the truck does not exceed the posted

mixture, crushed concrete, expanded clay, calcium sulfate hemihydrate, asphalt, bulk soil, and dirt.

Proposed law modifies the present law definition of "construction aggregates" to include bulk rock, sand rock, and asphalt millings.

Proposed law authorizes dump trucks hauling concrete or construction aggregates to exceed the maximum permissible axle weight, without a penalty, provided the truck does not exceed its maximum permissible gross weight by more than 5%, the truck does not exceed the posted load while crossing a posted bridge, the truck is not operating on the interstate system, and no tire on the truck exceeds its tire weight rating.

Proposed law further provides that if the truck's total excess weight is greater than 5% of its maximum permissible gross weight it must be assessed a penalty based on the total amount by which the truck's weight exceeds its maximum permissible gross weight.

Proposed law provides that the maximum gross weight of dump trucks hauling concrete or construction aggregates with up to 5% of excess weight cannot exceed 80,000 pounds with a 2% tolerance.

Proposed law defines "dump truck" as a vehicle designed exclusively to transport construction aggregates.

(Amends R.S. 32:388(B)(4)(b)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 32:388(B)(1)(b)(v) and (4)(b)(xvi) through (xviii))

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 allowable variance in proposed law for dump trucks hauling concrete or construction aggregates from 10% to 5% of the total gross weight.
2. Add provision that specifies the trucks cannot exceed 80,000 pounds plus a tolerance of 2%.