

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 477

BY SENATOR SMITH

WEIGHTS/MEASURES. Provides relative to issuance of a special permit for the operation of a combination of vehicles or tandem loads hauling containers to and from port facilities.
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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:387.2, relative to special permits; to establish a permit for the operation of a combination of vehicles or tandem loads hauling containers to and from port facilities; to provide for the adoption of administrative rules; to provide for terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:387.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§387.2. Special permits; vehicles or tandem loads hauling divisible or nondivisible container imports or exports to port facilities

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the secretary shall issue a permit for the operation of a combination of vehicles or tandem loads hauling divisible or nondivisible container imports or exports to and from any port facility in the state, provided the combination of vehicles or tandem loads meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Does not exceed one hundred thirty-five thousand pounds gross weight.

(2) Does not exceed forty thousand pounds per tandem axle spread as

1 **defined by the Department of Transportation and Development.**

2 **(3) Does not exceed seventy-five feet in length.**

3 **(4) Is equipped with a dual-axle dolly and a dolly safety system with tilt**
4 **sensors attached to the dolly that provide feedback on tilt information to the**
5 **driver of the vehicle to ensure safe operations.**

6 **B. The permits and route via state and federal roadways, excluding the**
7 **interstate system, shall be issued at the truck permit office of the Department**
8 **of Transportation and Development.**

9 **C. The secretary shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative**
10 **Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Section.**

11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
15 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

DIGEST

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Present law provides relative to special permits issues by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development (department).

Proposed law requires the secretary to issue a permit for the operation of a combination of vehicles or tandem loads hauling divisible or nondivisible container imports or exports to and from any port facility in the state, provided that the combination of vehicles or tandem loads meets all of the following:

- (1) Does not exceed one hundred thirty-five thousand pounds gross weight.
- (2) Does not exceed forty thousand pounds per tandem axle spread as defined by the department.
- (3) Does not exceed seventy-five feet in length.
- (4) Is equipped with a dual-axle dolly and a dolly safety system with tilt sensors attached to the dolly that provide feedback on tilt information to the driver of the vehicle to ensure safe operations.

Proposed law provides that the permits and route via state and federal roadways, excluding the interstate system, shall be issued at the truck permit office of the department.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules to implement proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.2)