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SB 477 Engrossed

2022 Regular Session

Smith

Present law provides relative to special permits issued by the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development.

Proposed law requires the secretary to issue a biannual 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 meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Does not exceed 140,000 pounds gross weight.
- (2) Does not exceed 40,000 pounds per tandem axle spread and 60,000 per tri axle spread as defined by the Dept. of Transportation and Development.
- (3) Does not exceed 83 ft. 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the permit type to a biannual permit.
2. Change the requirements for the gross weight from 35,000 lbs per gross weight to 40,000 lbs per gross weight.
3. Add 60,000 per tri axle spread to the required maximum pounds per tandem axle spread.
4. Change the requirements for the maximum feet in length from 75 ft to 83 ft.