

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 217

2019 Regular Session

Leger

**FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Increases certain special permit fees and dedicates the proceeds of the fee increase into the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund.**

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DIGEST

Present law authorizes the issuance of special overweight permits for vehicles, combination of vehicles, and off-road equipment for single trips. The amount of the special overweight permit varies depending on the weight of the vehicle and the distance traveled. Present law requires the entire permit fee for single trip overweight vehicles to be deposited into the TTF.

Proposed law increases the fee for issuance of special overweight permits by 50% for single trips and dedicates all revenues annually collected over \$20 million to the Construction Subfund of the TTF.

Present law authorizes the issuance of special container permit fees for vehicles hauling pre-packaged products in international trade originating from or destined to an intermodal facility. Present law further limits the axle weight to 20,000 lbs. per axle provided the rear axle set is in tridem for intermodal containers that are required to apply for a permit.

Proposed law increases the axle weight from 20,000 lbs. to 22,000 lbs. per axle and removes the requirement that the rear axle set is in tridem for intermodal containers.

Present law limits the applications for permits to owners or operators of a vehicle transporting sealed intermodal containers within a 50 mile radius of a port or harbor district.

Proposed law removes this limitation.

Present law requires an annual permit fee of \$500 for transportation of Class II Ocean containers and requires the entire permit fee amount be deposited into the TTF.

Proposed law changes the permit from annual to biannual and changes the biannual fee for transportation of Class II Ocean containers to \$375 biannually and dedicates the annual increase of \$250 of the permit fee to the Construction Subfund of the TTF.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to establish routes for any owner or operator who receives a permit. Proposed law further authorizes the secretary to revoke the permit if the owner or operator fails to adhere to the route designated by the secretary.

Present law exempts vehicles transporting Class II ocean containers and liquid bulk containers within a 50 mile radius of the I-10 Twin Span Bridge until the I-10 Twin Span Bridge is open to vehicles transporting sealed intermodal containers. Present law requires vehicles transporting liquid bulk containers within a 50 miles radius of a port or harbor district to apply for a permit, with the gross vehicle weight limitation of 95,000 lbs. and axle weight of 20,000 lbs. set per axle provided the rear axle set is in tridem. The annual fee for the permit is \$200 per vehicle.

Proposed law adds authorization for the secretary to issue an optional timber harvest season permit for an annual fee of \$100 that prohibits assessment of a penalty for exceeding its maximum permissible axle weight when the vehicle exceeds its total gross weight by ten percent or less if the permittee equips the vehicle or combination of vehicles with weight scales and the vehicle does not exceed the posted maximum speed limit on this state's public highways.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective date Jan. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 32:387(C)(3)(d), (H)(2)(a), (b), and (c)(i) and (iv), and (J)(2); adds R.S. 32:387(H)(2)(d); repeals R.S. 32:387(J)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize the secretary to establish routes for any owner or operator who receives a permit and to revoke the permit of any owner or operator that fails to adhere to the route designated by the secretary.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the reengrossed bill

1. Authorize the secretary to issue an optional timber harvest season permit for a \$100 fee subject to equipping the vehicle with weight scales and obeying the maximum speed limit and prohibits assessment of penalty for exceeding a vehicle's maximum permissible axle weights provided the vehicle's total gross weight is 10% or less.
2. Change the permit fee for the transport of ocean containers from annual to biannual; changes the permit fee payable to \$375 on a biannual or six-month period.
3. Make technical amendments.