

SENATE BILL NO. 477

BY SENATOR SMITH

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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 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 meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Does not exceed one hundred forty thousand pounds gross weight.

(2) Does not exceed forty thousand pounds per tandem axle spread and sixty thousand pounds per tridem axle spread as defined by the Department of Transportation and Development.

(3) Does not exceed eighty-three 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.

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

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

3 **D. The provisions of this Section and all legislative authority for the**
4 **existence of the permits authorized in this Section shall cease to exist on August**
5 **1, 2026.**

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____