

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 298

BY SENATOR CLOUD

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Remove penalties on truckers for going over axle weight if they are under gross weight. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:386(K), relative to axle weight; to restrict penalties; and to  
3 provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 32:386(K) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §386. Weight

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8 K. Vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall be loaded in such manner that  
9 the axle limitations set forth in Subsections C, D, E, F, and G of this Section are not  
10 exceeded. However, while operating on any state-maintained highway except the  
11 Interstate System, the provisions of Subsections C, D, E, F, and G of this Section  
12 shall not be deemed to have been violated **and not be penalized** unless the axle  
13 weight exceeds ~~by more than~~ two thousand pounds Subsections C and F of this  
14 Section or more than three thousand pounds Subsections D, E, and G of this Section.  
15 This Subsection shall in no way be construed to allow the total gross weight in any  
16 vehicle or combination of vehicles to exceed the gross weight limits set forth in  
17 Subsection A or I of this Section.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

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Present law provides vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall be loaded in such manner that the axle limitations are not exceeded and are not deemed in violation unless the axle weight exceeds by more than two thousand pounds.

Proposed law retains present law and provides no penalty should be issued unless axle weight exceed two thousand pounds.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 32:386(K))