

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 950

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

TRANSPORTATION: Provides relative to towing vehicle and axle weight limits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:386(C) and (K), relative to vehicle weight limits; to provide
3 for an exception to vehicle weight and axle limits for consensual tows from private
4 property; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:386(C) and (K) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §386. Weight

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10 C. The total gross weight of any single axle attached to any vehicle and
11 equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires shall not exceed twenty thousand
12 pounds, except when a towing company is engaged in a consensual vehicle tow with
13 the agreement of the vehicle owner from private property.

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15 K. Vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall be loaded in such manner
16 that the axle limitations set forth in Subsections C, D, E, F, and G of this Section are
17 not exceeded. However, while operating on any state-maintained highway, except
18 the Interstate System, the provisions of Subsections C, D, E, F, and G of this Section
19 shall not be deemed to have been violated unless the axle weight exceeds by more
20 than two thousand pounds ~~for~~ Subsections C and F of this ~~section~~ Section. ~~or~~

1 Additionally, vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall not be deemed to violate
 2 this Section unless the axle weight exceeds by more than three thousand pounds for
 3 Subsections D, E, and G of this Section. This Subsection shall in no way be
 4 construed to allow the total gross weight in any vehicle or combination of vehicles
 5 to exceed the gross weight limits set forth in Subsection A or I of this Section. The
 6 weight limit provisions of this Subsection shall not be applicable for Subsection C
 7 when a towing company is engaged in a consensual vehicle tow with the agreement
 8 of the vehicle owner from private property.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an exception to vehicle and axle weight limits for consensual tows from private property.

Present law provides the total gross weight of any single axle attached to any vehicle and equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires cannot exceed 20,000 pounds.

Proposed law provides an exception to present law when a towing company is engaged in a consensual vehicle tow from private property.

Present law provides vehicles and combinations of vehicles must be loaded so that the axle limitations set forth in present law are not exceeded, except on state-maintained highways, excluding the Interstate System, when the axle weight exceeds by more than 2,000 pounds for present law (R.S. 32:386(C) and (F)) and 3,000 pounds for present law (R.S. 32:386(D), (E), and (G)).

Proposed law excepts the provisions of present law (R.S. 32:386(C)) when a towing company is engaged in a consensual tow from private property with the agreement of the vehicle owner.

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