

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 631 (HB 695)**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Fontenot**

New law establishes a per project special overweight permit for each truck transporting earthen materials for government funded levee projects.

New law specifies that the permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

New law requires that the permit be issued in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) The applicant for the special permit must designate the specific routes to be utilized for transporting the earthen materials and identify the project for which they are transporting materials upon application.
- (2) The permit fee is \$1,000 per project. Requires a new permit if the project exceeds the one-year validity of the project.
- (3) The vehicle or straight truck must not exceed a gross weight of 70,000 lbs. for which 22,000 lbs. for a steering axle and 48,000 lbs. for tridum group while operating on any state-maintained highway, except on the Interstate system.

New law requires the secretary to impose a penalty for each violation of the weight limit established by new law.

New law defines "earthen materials" as materials which include minerals, rocks, and soil.

New law establishes a special permit relating only to the hauling of raw input materials for concrete and finished concrete products for trucks and trucks and trailers. Authorizes the secretary to issue annual permits for a fee of \$400 per unit that prohibits both gross and axle weight penalties when the total excess weight is 10% or less.

New law establishes a special permit relating only to single unit dump-trucks and with no limitation as to the material being hauled. Authorizes the secretary to issue annual special permits for a fee of \$800 per truck when the total excess weight is 12% or less of the truck's maximum permissible gross weight.

New law authorizes the secretary of the department to promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce the provisions of new law.

New law specifies that nothing contained in new law preempts municipal or parish ordinances from regulating weight limits on municipal or parish streets or roads.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.21, 387.22, and 387.23)