

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

BY REPRESENTATIVES BADON, HONORE, HOWARD, AND PYLANT

MOTOR VEHICLES: Exempts boat trailers from the requirement to have inspection stickers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1301 and 1311(D) and to enact R.S. 32:1311(E), relative to  
3 trailer inspections; to exempt certain trailers from requirement to bear a safety  
4 inspection certificate; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:1301 and 1311(D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 32:1311(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1301. Vehicles without required equipment or in unsafe condition

9 No person shall drive or move on any highway any motor vehicle, low-speed  
10 vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1(40), trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any  
11 combination thereof, unless the equipment upon any such vehicle is in good working  
12 order and adjustment as required in this Chapter and said vehicle is in such safe  
13 mechanical condition as not to endanger the driver or other occupant or any person  
14 upon the highway. Every motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and  
15 pole trailer registered in this state shall bear a valid safety inspection certificate  
16 issued in the state of Louisiana, except as otherwise provided by ~~R.S. 32:1305(G)~~  
17 this Chapter.

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1 §1311. Exemptions

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3 D. Boat trailers shall be exempt from the inspection requirements of this  
4 Chapter.

5 E.(1) Commercial motor vehicle truck tractors, trailers, and semitrailers in  
6 interstate commerce which are subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
7 Regulations shall be exempt from the inspection requirements of this Chapter  
8 provided that these commercial motor vehicles shall comply with the requirements  
9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 396.17) requiring periodic and annual  
10 inspections of commercial motor vehicles.

11 (2) As an alternate means of compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR,  
12 the owner or operator of a motor vehicle truck tractor may opt to obtain a Louisiana  
13 motor commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate which satisfies the  
14 requirements of 49 CFR 396.17. A trailer or semitrailer being used in combination  
15 with a truck tractor meeting such exemption may opt to obtain a Louisiana  
16 commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate which satisfies the requirements of  
17 49 CFR 396.17.

18 (3) As used in this Section, "commercial motor vehicle" means any self-  
19 propelled truck tractor or towed vehicle which is used on public highways to  
20 transport property in interstate commerce, has been issued an apportioned plate  
21 through the International Registration Plan; and

22 (a) Has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination weight  
23 rating (GCWR) of 10,001 pounds or more; or

24 (b) Is used in the transportation of hazardous materials in quantity requiring  
25 placarding under regulations issued by the secretary under the Hazardous Materials  
26 Transportation Act (49 USC app. 1801-1813).

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts boat trailers from the motor vehicle and trailer inspection requirements.

Present law provides that any motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination thereof, shall bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of La.

Proposed law exempts boat trailers from the requirement to bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of La.

(Amends R.S. 32:1301 and 1311(D); Adds R.S. 32:1311(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Made technical changes.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

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