
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an annual permit for ready-mixed concrete trucks and provides for fees and matters relating to such permits.

Proposed law requires the secretary to issue annual special permits authorizing the operation of ready-mixed concrete trucks on state-maintained highways and frontage roads adjacent to federal interstate highways.

Proposed law provides that the permit created by proposed law would authorize the operation of a ready-mixed concrete truck with a gross vehicle weight not to exceed 69,000 pounds if a rear tandem-axle mixer truck, a gross vehicle weight not to exceed 75,000 pounds if a rear tri-axle mixer truck, and a gross vehicle weight not to exceed 84,000 pounds if a rear quad-axle mixer truck.

Proposed law requires the permit created by proposed law be specific to the vehicle that is listed in the permit application.

Proposed law requires a fee for the permit to be collected annually per vehicle in the following amounts: \$1,500 for a rear tandem-axle ready-mixed concrete truck, \$1,000 for a rear tri-axle ready-mixed concrete truck, and \$1,000 for a rear quad-axle ready-mixed concrete truck.

Proposed law specifies that a permit issued pursuant to proposed law is valid for one year and requires the permit be carried in the vehicle for which it is issued.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to issue a sticker for placement in the front windshield of the vehicle above the inspection certificate issued to the vehicle. Specifies that the sticker must indicate the expiration date of the permit and be removed from the vehicle when the permit for the operation of the vehicle expires, the lease of the vehicle expires, or the vehicle is sold.

Proposed law provides that if the permitted gross vehicle weight is not exceeded then there would be no fines imposed for over axle weight.

Proposed law clarifies that "ready-mixed concrete truck" means a vehicle designed exclusively to transport or manufacture ready-mixed concrete.

Present law authorizes trucks hauling ready-mixed concrete to exceed the maximum permissible gross weight, without a penalty, provided the total excess weight is 10% or less of the truck's

maximum permissible gross weight, the truck contains a certificate evidencing its most recent mixer chip-out of build-up occurred within the previous 90 days, the truck does not exceed the posted load while crossing a posted bridge, the truck is not operating on the interstate system, and no tire on the truck exceeds its tire weight rating. Present law is effective from Aug. 1, 2012, through July 31, 2018.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the time period provided in present law would not apply to ready-mixed concrete trucks as defined in proposed law that have been issued a permit pursuant to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 32:388(B)(1)(b)(iv); Adds R.S. 32:387.20)