
DIGEST

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HB 217 Reengrossed

2019 Regular Session

Leger

Abstract: Increases single trip permit fees by 50% and the annual permit fee for the transport of ocean containers from \$500 to \$750, dedicates the increased revenues into the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), and broadens the application requirements of the ocean container permits.

Present law authorizes the issuance of special overweight permits for vehicles, combination of vehicles, and off-road equipment for single trips. The amount of the special overweight permit varies depending on the weight of the vehicle and the distance traveled. Present law requires the entire permit fee for single trip overweight vehicles to be deposited into the TTF.

Proposed law increases the fee for issuance of special overweight permits by 50% for single trips and dedicates all revenues annually collected over \$20 million to the Construction Subfund of the TTF.

Present law authorizes the issuance of special container permit fees for vehicles hauling pre-packaged products in international trade originating from or destined to an intermodal facility. Present law further limits the axle weight to 20,000 lbs. per axle provided the rear axle set is in tridem for intermodal containers that are required to apply for a permit.

Proposed law increases the axle weight from 20,000 lbs. to 22,000 lbs. per axle and removes the requirement that the rear axle set is in tridem for intermodal containers.

Present law limits the applications for permits to owners or operators of a vehicle transporting sealed intermodal containers within a 50 mile radius of a port or harbor district.

Proposed law removes this limitation.

Present law requires an annual permit fee of \$500 for transportation of Class II Ocean containers and requires the entire permit fee amount be deposited into the TTF.

Proposed law increases the annual permit fee for transportation of Class II Ocean containers from \$500 to \$750 and dedicates \$250 of the permit fee to the Construction Subfund of the TTF.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to establish routes for any owner or operator who receives a permit. Proposed law further authorizes the secretary to revoke the permit if the owner or operator fails to adhere to the route designated by the secretary.

Present law exempts vehicles transporting Class II ocean containers and liquid bulk containers within a 50 mile radius of the I-10 Twin Span Bridge until the I-10 Twin Span Bridge is open to vehicles transporting sealed intermodal containers. Present law requires vehicles transporting liquid bulk containers within a 50 miles radius of a port or harbor district to apply for a permit, with the gross vehicle weight limitation of 95,000 lbs. and axle weight of 20,000 lbs. set per axle provided the rear axle set is in tridem. The annual fee for the permit is \$200 per vehicle.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective date Jan. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 32:387(H)(2)(a), (b), and (c)(i), and (iv), and (J)(2); Adds R.S. 32:387(H)(2)(d); Repeals R.S. 32:387(J)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize the secretary to establish routes for any owner or operator who receives a permit and to revoke the permit of any owner or operator that fails to adhere to the route designated by the secretary.