

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 217

2019 Regular Session

Leger

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Increases certain special permit fees and dedicates the proceeds of the fee increase into the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Allows an applicant for a timber harvest season permit to have the option to pay a one-time fee of \$100 to the secretary for the issuance of a timber harvest season permit each harvest year.
3. Requires that the vehicle or combination of vehicles owned or operated by a timber harvest season permittee who paid \$100 for the permit be equipped with weight scales for purposes of weight regulation, not be assessed a penalty for exceeding its maximum permissible axle weight, provided the total excess gross weight is 10% or less of the vehicles maximum permissible gross weight, and not exceed the posted maximum speed limit on public highways of the state.
4. Changes the annual fee of \$500 to a biannual fee of \$375 per vehicle for transportation of Class II Ocean containers.
5. Provides that the transfer of a permit to a replacement vehicle, if the vehicle for which the permit is issued is no longer usable by the owner or operator, may occur only one time during the 6-month period for which the permit is in effect.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law authorizes an applicant for a timber harvest season permit to pay a one-time fee of \$100 to the secretary for the issuance of a timber harvest season permit each harvest year.

Proposed law requires that the vehicle or combination of vehicles owned or operated by a timber harvest season permittee who paid \$100 for the permit be equipped with weight scales for purposes of weight regulation, not be assessed a penalty for exceeding its maximum permissible axle weight, provided the total excess gross weight is 10% or less of the vehicles maximum permissible gross weight, and not exceed the posted maximum speed limit on public highways of the state.

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 Transportation Trust Fund (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 changes the annual fee of \$500 to a biannual fee of \$375 per vehicle for transportation of Class II Ocean containers 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 authorizes the transfer of a permit to a replacement vehicle if the vehicle for which the permit is issued is no longer usable by the owner or operator. Present law specifies that the transfer is authorized only one time during the year for which the permit is in effect.

Proposed law provides that the transfer of a permit may occur only one time during the 6-month period for which the permit is in effect instead of the one year period the permit is in effect.

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(C)(3)(d), (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.