

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 442

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

TRANSPORTATION: Provides relative to timber harvest season permits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(C)(3)(d)(ii)(bb) and (cc), relative to timber harvest  
3 season permits; to modify the total excess gross axle weight authorized for vehicles  
4 owned or operated by a permittee; to designate a maximum speed limit authorized  
5 on the public highways of this state; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32: 387(C)(3)(d)(ii)(bb) and (cc) are hereby amended and reenacted  
8 to read as follows:

9 §387. Special permits

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13 (3)

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15 (d)

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17 (ii) An applicant for a timber harvest season permit shall have the option to  
18 pay a one-time fee of one hundred dollars to the secretary for each harvest year for  
19 the issuance of such permit. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,

1 any vehicle or combination of vehicles owned or operated by a timber harvest season  
2 permittee who paid one hundred dollars for the permit shall:

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4 (bb) Not be assessed a penalty for exceeding its maximum permissible axle  
5 weight, as determined by law, provided the total excess gross weight ~~is ten percent~~  
6 ~~or less of the vehicle's maximum permissible gross weight~~ does not exceed ninety-  
7 two thousand pounds.

8 (cc) Not exceed ~~the posted maximum speed limit~~ fifty-five miles per hour  
9 on the public highways of this state.

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11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
15 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to regulations for timber harvest season permittees.

Present law provides that any vehicle or combination of vehicles owned or operated by a timber harvest season permittee, who paid \$100 for the permit, must not be assessed a penalty for exceeding its maximum permissible axle weight, provided the total excess gross weight is 10% or less of the vehicle's maximum permissible gross weight.

Proposed law modifies the total excess gross weight authorized in present law and specifies that it cannot exceed 92,000 lbs.

Present law provides that any vehicle or combination of vehicles owned or operated by a timber harvest season permittee, who paid \$100 for the permit, must not exceed the posted maximum speed limit on the public highways of this state.

Proposed law modifies the maximum speed limit authorized in present law and prohibits any vehicle or combination of vehicles owned or operated by a timber harvest season permittee from exceeding 55 mph on the public highways of this state.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 32:387(C)(3)(d)(ii)(bb) and (cc))