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## DIGEST

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HB 495 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates an overweight per project permit for trucks transporting earthen materials for government funded levee projects.

Proposed law establishes a per project special overweight permit for persons who operate trucks transporting earthen materials for government funded levee projects.

Proposed law specifies that the permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

Proposed law requires that the permit be issued in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) The applicant for the special permit must designate the specific routes to be utilized for transporting the earthen materials and identify the project for which they are transporting materials upon application.
- (2) The permit fee is \$1,000 per project. Requires a new permit if the project exceeds the one-year validity of the project.
- (3) The vehicle must contain three rear axles and must not exceed a gross weight of 75,000 lbs.
- (4) The overweight truck transporting earthen materials is not authorized to operate on interstate highways.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to impose a civil penalty of up to five cents per lb. for each violation of the weight limit established by proposed law.

Proposed law defines "earthen materials" as materials which include minerals, rocks, soil, and water.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the department to promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.21)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Specifies that the permit must authorize the operation of a vehicle with three rear axles at a gross weight not to exceed 75,000 pounds instead of 90,000 pounds.