
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a reasonable belief that is based on visible indicators that the vehicle is in violation of permissible weight requirements for a police officer to stop an 18-wheeler, tractor trailer, or truck to check for compliance with weight requirements.

Present law authorizes a police officer to stop a vehicle or combination of vehicles to inspect or measure the vehicle, or require the vehicle to drive to the nearest available location equipped with facilities to inspect or measure the vehicle if the police officer has reason to believe that the vehicle is in violation in terms of the length, width, or weight.

Proposed law requires a police officer have a reasonable belief that a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including an 18-wheeler, tractor trailer, or truck is overweight. Proposed law specifies that reasonable belief must be based on visible indicators. Further specifies that if indicators are indicative of a violation then the vehicle may be examined to determine if there is a weight violation. Provides an illustrative list of indicators; such as, bulging tires, excessive smoke or exhaust, or difficulty accelerating up to road speed.

(Amends R.S. 32:389(B))