

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 632

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Authorizes a special permit to include a divisible load

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:386(A) and 387(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph),  
3 relative to divisible shipments; to provide for the inclusion of divisible shipments in  
4 the total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles; to provide for an  
5 additional fee applicable to a special permit for shipments that are divisible; to  
6 provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:386(A) and 387(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph) are hereby  
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §386. Weight

11 A. The total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not  
12 exceed eighty thousand pounds, which shall include shipments considered as  
13 divisible that are readily divided, broken, or dismantled, and no vehicle or  
14 combination of vehicles shall exceed its licensed gross weight.

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16 §387. Special permits

17 A.(1) No vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the  
18 requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386 shall use the public highways of this state  
19 without first obtaining a special permit from the department in addition to any other

1 special permit which may be required from any other agency or department of the  
2 state or a political subdivision, and the special permit herein provided for shall be  
3 issued at the discretion of the secretary.

4 (2) If a permit issued pursuant to Subsection B of this Section authorizes a  
5 vehicle to operate on interstate highways, the secretary may allow the vehicle to  
6 operate on interstate highways at night if requested by the owner or operator.

7 (3) If a permit issued pursuant to this Section for any vehicle or combination  
8 of vehicles includes shipments considered as divisible, that are readily divided,  
9 broken, or dismantled, an additional ten percent fee of the applicable permit fees  
10 shall be assessed.

11 B.(1) The secretary may issue a special permit for the operation of vehicles  
12 or combination thereof having dimensions or weights in excess of the limits imposed  
13 by R.S. 32:380 through 386 ~~if the shipment is not~~, which shall include shipments  
14 considered as divisible that are readily divided, broken, or dismantled and that do not  
15 exceed the weight limits in this Section,~~or~~ and exclude the operation of such  
16 vehicles ~~is~~ otherwise prohibited by law, however, if the parts which have been  
17 divided, broken or dismantled from the shipment weight in the aggregate of five  
18 hundred pounds, or less, then the shipment shall be considered as indivisible.  
19 Provided further, however, that the secretary may issue special overwidth permits for  
20 vehicles transporting pipe. In the exercise of his discretion, the secretary shall  
21 consider the following factors, as well as any other circumstances existing in the  
22 particular case:

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**DIGEST**

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HB 632 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Includes divisible shipments in the total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles, authorizes a special permit to include shipments that are divisible, and assesses an additional 10% fee to existing permit fees for the inclusion of divisible shipments.

Present law prohibits the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles from exceeding 80,000 lbs and a vehicle or combination of vehicles from exceeding its licensed gross weight.

Proposed law modifies present law to include a divisible shipment in the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development to issue a special permit for the operation of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a weight in excess of the limits imposed by present law and prohibits a shipment that is divisible from receiving a special permit.

Proposed law modifies present law to authorize a special permit for a shipment that is divisible.

Proposed law requires an additional 10% fee of the applicable permit fees be assessed if any vehicle or combination of vehicles includes shipments that are considered divisible.

(Adds R.S. 32:386(A) and 387(A) and (B)(1)(intro. para.))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.