
DIGEST

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HB 695 Engrossed

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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 combination must not exceed a gross weight of 70,000 lbs. for which 22,000 lbs. for a single axle and 48,000 lbs. for tridum group.

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.

Proposed law specifies that nothing contained in proposed law preempts municipal or parish ordinances from regulating weight limits on municipal or parish streets or roads.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.21)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and

Public Works to the original bill:

1. Change the gross weight from 90,000 lbs. to 70,000 lbs for which 22,000 lbs. for single axle and 48,000 lbs. for tridum group.
2. Clarify that nothing contained in proposed law will preempt municipal or parish ordinances from regulating weight limits on municipal or parish streets or roads.