

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 935

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

MTR VEHICLE/INSPECTION: Provides relative to commercial motor vehicle inspections

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1306(C)(1)(c) and 1311(E)(2) and (3) and to repeal R.S.  
3 32:1306(C)(5), relative to an annual commercial motor vehicle inspection; to repeal  
4 provisions relative to the annual fee or charge along with the percentage retained by  
5 the inspector and the percentage transferred to certain offices for a commercial motor  
6 vehicle inspection; to exempt commercial motor vehicles from the required one-year  
7 or two-year certificates of inspection; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 32:1306(C)(1)(c) and 1311(E)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and  
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §1306. Operation of official inspection stations

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13 C.(1)

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15 (c) The provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall not apply to  
16 the inspection programs provided for in ~~Paragraphs~~ Paragraph (3) ~~and (5)~~ of this  
17 Subsection ~~and~~ , to student transportation vehicles , or commercial motor vehicles  
18 which are required to be inspected under the provisions of 49 CFR Part 396,  
19 including Part 396.17 and "Appendix G" thereof.

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1 §1311. Exemptions

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3 E.

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5 (2) ~~As an alternate means of compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR,~~  
6 ~~the owner or operator of a commercial motor vehicle truck tractor may opt to obtain~~  
7 ~~a Louisiana commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate which satisfies the~~  
8 ~~requirements of 49 CFR 396.17. A trailer or semitrailer being used in combination~~  
9 ~~with a truck tractor meeting such exemption may opt to obtain a Louisiana~~  
10 ~~commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate which satisfies the requirements of~~  
11 ~~49 CFR 396.17.~~

12 (3) As used in this Subsection, "commercial motor vehicle" means any self-  
13 propelled truck tractor or towed vehicle which is used on public highways to  
14 transport property in interstate commerce, has been issued an apportioned plate  
15 through the International Registration Plan; and meets at least one of the following  
16 criteria:

17 (a) Has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination weight  
18 rating (GCWR) of 10,001 pounds or more; ~~or,~~

19 (b) Is used in the transportation of hazardous materials in a quantity  
20 placarding under regulations issued by the secretary under the Hazardous Materials  
21 Transportation Act, 49 USC 5101 et seq.

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23 Section 2. R.S. 32:1306(C)(5) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts commercial vehicles from the required one-year or two-year certificates of inspection and repeals provisions relative to the annual fee or charge for a commercial motor vehicle inspection.

Present law requires a charge or fee be charged for each certificate of inspection and approval issued as provided in present law.

Present law provides an exemption from the provisions of present law for student transportation vehicles.

Proposed law modifies present law to include an exemption for commercial motor vehicles.

Present law requires an annual charge of \$30 for the inspection of all commercial motor vehicles which are required to be inspected under the provisions of federal law. Present law further provides no charge or fee other than the \$30 fee will be charged for a commercial motor vehicle inspection.

Present law requires the motor vehicle inspection station operator who performs the inspection retain \$23.75, \$2.25 to be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with motor vehicle and financial responsibility programs, and \$4 to be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement.

Present law requires the adjustment of headlights at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle being inspected be included in the inspection. Specifies that the Legislature of Louisiana declares that a commercial motor vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in present law and that the increase in fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.

Present law authorizes the owner or operator of a commercial motor vehicle truck tractor to obtain a La. commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate to satisfy the requirements of present law (49 CFR 396.17) as an alternate means of compliance with the requirements of present law (49 CFR). Authorizes a trailer or semitrailer being used in combination with a truck tractor meeting the exemption to obtain a La. commercial motor vehicle inspection certificate to satisfy the requirements of present law.

Proposed law removes present law.

(Amends R.S. 32:1306(C)(1)(c) and 1311(E)(2) and (3); Repeals R.S. 32:1306(C)(5))