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HOUSE BILL NO. 170

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Prohibits attachments on motor vehicle wheels from extending past a certain width

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 32:362(B), relative to motor vehicle wheels; to restrict the use
3	of certain motor vehicle wheel equipment that extends beyond the body of a motor
4	vehicle; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 32:362(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§362. Restrictions as to tire and wheel equipment
8	* * *
9	B.(1) No tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery
10	any protuberances of any material, other than rubber, which projects beyond the
11	thread of the traction surface of the tire., except that it shall be permissible to:
12	(2) No vehicle shall be equipped with wheel nuts, hubcaps, or wheel discs
13	extending outside the body of the vehicle when viewed from directly above which
14	incorporate winged projections or constitute a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists. For
15	purposes of this Paragraph, a "wheel nut" shall mean an exposed nut which is
16	mounted at the center or hub of a wheel and is not one of the ordinary hexagonal nuts
17	which secure a wheel to an axle and is normally covered by a hubcap or wheel disc.
18	(3) Notwithstanding Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, it shall be
19	permissible to:

1 (1) Use farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not
2 injure the highways; and
3 (2) Use tire chains of reasonable proportions upon any vehicle, when
4 required for safety because of conditions tending to cause a vehicle to slide or skid.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that no vehicle shall be equipped with certain wheel equipment extending outside the body of the vehicle when viewed from directly above which incorporate winged projections or constitute a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists.

<u>Present law</u> provides that no tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery any protuberances of any material, other than rubber, which projects beyond the thread of the traction surface of the tire and provides for exceptions for certain farm machinery and tire chains.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally provides that no vehicle shall be equipped with certain wheel equipment that extends outside the body of a vehicle when viewed from directly above which incorporate winged projections or constitute a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists.

Proposed law defines "wheel nut".

(Amends R.S. 32:362(B))