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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	(a) Incorporate winged projections; or
15	(b) Constitute a hazard to pedestrians or cyclists.
16	(3)(a) Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall not apply to vehicles with a
17	gross vehicle weight greater than nine thousand nine hundred pounds or to wheel
18	nuts, hubcaps, or wheel discs that are designed, licensed, or produced by the
19	manufacturer of the vehicle to which they are attached.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	(b) For purposes of Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection, a "wheel nut"
2	shall mean an exposed nut which is mounted at the center or hub of a wheel and is
3	not one of the ordinary hexagonal nuts which secure a wheel to an axle and is
4	normally covered by a hubcap or wheel disc.
5	(4) Notwithstanding Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, it shall be
6	permissible to:
7	(a) Use farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not injure
8	the highways; and.
9	(b) Use tire chains of reasonable proportions upon any vehicle, when
10	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 certain vehicles shall not 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.

Present law 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.

Proposed law retains present law 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 shall not apply to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight greater than 9,900 pounds or wheel nuts, hubcaps, or wheel discs that are designed, licensed, or produced by the manufacturer of the vehicle to which they are attached.

Proposed law defines "wheel nut".

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a provision which specifies that certain vehicle wheel restrictions shall not apply to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight greater than nine thousand nine hundred pounds or wheel nuts, hubcaps, or wheel discs that are designed, licensed, or produced by the manufacturer of the vehicle to which they are attached.

2. Made technical changes.