

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

BY REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY, TERRY BROWN, GISCLAIR, GUINN,
HALL, HAVARD, HILL, HOWARD, NORTON, PIERRE, AND WHITE

TRANSPORTATION: Permits vehicles operated by engines fueled wholly or partially with compressed or liquefied natural gas to exceed gross vehicle weight limits and axle weight limits

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:386(L), relative to the weight of certain vehicles allowed on roads and
3 highways; to allow certain vehicles to exceed weight limitations on roads and
4 highways; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:386(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §386. Weight

8 * * *

9 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a vehicle that is
10 operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquified natural gas may
11 exceed the gross vehicle weight limits and any axle weight limits imposed by this
12 Subpart by an amount, not to exceed a maximum of two thousand pounds, that is
13 equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural
14 gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable
15 diesel tank and fueling system.

16 (2) The weight exception provided in this Subsection shall apply to all state
17 roads and interstate highways per the exemption expressly permitted by 23 U.S.C.
18 127, as amended by Section 1410 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation
19 Act of 2015.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 591 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

Terry Landry

Abstract: Provides an exception from certain weight requirements for certain vehicles.

Present law provides that the total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed a certain amount.

Proposed law provides an exception to present law that allows for a vehicle, if operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquified natural gas, to exceed this limitation by up to 2,000 lbs.

Proposed law specifies that the weight exception provided in proposed law applies to all state roads and interstate highways per the exemption expressly permitted by federal law.

(Adds R.S. 32:386(L))

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.
2. Provide proposed law would apply to a vehicle with an engine fueled primarily rather than wholly or partially with compressed or liquified natural gas.