

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 163

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

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

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides relative to special permits for the operation of vehicles issued by the Department of Transportation and Development. (8/1/19)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(B)(2), relative to special permits; to provide relative to
3 issuance of special permits on the interstate highway system in Louisiana; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:387(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §387. Special permits

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9 B.(1) * * *

10 (2) Subject to the provisions of Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsection, the
11 secretary may issue special permits to permit movement along the interstate highway
12 system within Louisiana of vehicles and loads ~~up to sixteen feet in width~~ **that do not**
13 **meet the requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386.** The request for a permit may
14 be denied, if the secretary determines that the vehicle or load traveling along the
15 proposed route would endanger the public due to construction, highway conditions,
16 or traffic along the proposed route. Any vehicle traveling under a special permit
17 issued pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall not exceed a speed of fifty-

1 five miles per hour.

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The original instrument was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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Present law authorizes the secretary to issue special permits to permit movement along the interstate highway system within Louisiana of vehicles and loads up to 16 feet in width.

Proposed law changes present law to remove the 16-foot width limitation on the interstate highway system.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 32:387(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Removes language authorizing the secretary of DOTD to require certain vehicles to operate on interstate highways at night if such vehicles have been issued a special permit.