DIGEST

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HB 164 Reengrossed

2019 Regular Session

Franklin

Abstract: Creates a weight variance for "dump trucks".

<u>Present law</u> defines "construction aggregates" as sand, gravel, crushed stone, reef shell, clam shell, sand-clam shell mixture, sand-reef shell mixture, sand clay gravel, clam-reef shell mixture, crushed concrete, expanded clay, calcium sulfate hemihydrate, and asphalt.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies the <u>present law</u> definition for "construction aggregates" to include bulk soil, bulk rock, sand rock, and asphalt millings.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes dump trucks hauling concrete or construction aggregates to exceed the maximum permissible axle weight, without a penalty, provided the truck does not exceed its maximum permissible gross weight by more than 10%, the truck does not exceed the posted load while crossing a posted bridge, the truck is not operating on the interstate system, and no tire on the truck exceeds its tire weight rating.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that if the truck's total excess weight is greater than 10% of its maximum permissible gross weight it must be assessed a penalty based on the total amount by which the truck's weight exceeds its maximum permissible gross weight.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "dump truck" as a vehicle designed exclusively to transport construction aggregates.

(Amends R.S. 32:388(B)(4)(b); Adds R.S. 32:388(B)(1)(b)(v))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Remove the special permit for "dump trucks".
- 3. Provide for a weight variance which authorizes trucks hauling concrete or construction aggregates to exceed the maximum allowable axle weights, without penalty, provided the dump truck does not exceed the maximum permissible gross weight, as provided for in present law, by more than 10% as provided, and the truck does not exceed the posted

load while crossing a posted bridge, the truck is not operating on the interstate system, and no tire on the truck exceeds its tire weight rating.

4. Modify the definition of "construction aggregate" to include bulk soil, bulk rock, sand rock, and asphalt millings.