

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 271

BY SENATOR CATHEY

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Provides for permits for hauling grain and cotton on Interstate 20.
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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:387.9.2, relative to hauling grain and cotton; to provide for special permits for hauling grain and cotton relative to Interstate 20; to provide for administrative rules; to provide for travel on certain highways; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:387.9.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§387.9.2. Special permits; vehicles hauling grain or cotton; authorization to travel upon segment of Interstate 20 as an alternate route to US 80

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and provided that there are no objections raised by the federal government, the secretary shall issue special permits to persons who own or operate vehicles which haul cotton and grain. The Department of Transportation and Development shall provide administrative rules which limit permits issued pursuant to this Section to harvest season operations and provide necessary weight limits and procedures to comply with federal requirements and laws. Any vehicle issued a special permit pursuant to this Section may travel upon that segment of

1 **Interstate 20 between its interchange with US 165 in the city of Monroe and its**
2 **interchange with LA 193 in Delta, Louisiana, as an alternate route to US 80.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, 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)]

DIGEST

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Proposed law establishes permits for hauling grain and cotton provided that there are no objections raised by the federal government.

Proposed law further provides permits issued are limited to harvest season operations, as defined by administrative rule of the Department of Transportation and Development.

Proposed law further provides any vehicle issued a special permit may travel on the segment of Interstate 20 between its interchange with US highway 165 in the city of Monroe and its interchange with Louisiana Highway 193 in Delta, Louisiana, as an alternate route to US 80.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.9.2)