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HB 181 Engrossed

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Abstract: Increases the weight limit for vehicles required to have safety belts.

<u>Present law</u> requires each driver of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, commonly referred to as a pick-up truck, to have their safety belts properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the weight limit of the trucks <u>from</u> 10,000 pounds <u>to</u> 26,000 pounds. Removes colloquial reference to a truck and expands the application of the law beyond solely pick-up trucks.

<u>Present law</u> restricts each driver of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, commonly referred to as a pick-up truck, from transporting more persons than there are safety belts available in the vehicle.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the weight limit of the trucks <u>from</u> 10,000 pounds <u>to</u> 26,000 pounds. Removes colloquial reference to a truck and expands the application of the law beyond solely pick-up trucks.

<u>Present law</u> requires each occupant of a passenger car, van, sports utility vehicle, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, commonly referred to as a pick-up truck, to have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the weight limit of the trucks <u>from</u> 10,000 pounds <u>to</u> 26,000 pounds. Removes colloquial reference to a truck and expands the application of the law beyond solely pick-up trucks.

(Amends R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1), (3), and (B))