

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

WEIGHTS/MEASURES: Requires law enforcement officers have reasonable belief of a weight violation prior to checking the weight of certain vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:389(B)(2), relative to weights and standards police officers; to require
3 weights and standards police officers to have reasonable belief to stop certain
4 vehicles in certain circumstances; to require weights and standards police officers to
5 examine visible indicators that a certain vehicle is overweight prior to effectuating
6 a stop; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:389(B)(2) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §389. Weights and standards police; enforcement procedure; payment and
10 collection procedures; administrative review

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12 B. Any weights and standards police officer having reason to believe that
13 any vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds or is in violation of the provisions
14 of R.S. 32:380 through R.S. 32:386 or R.S. 32:388.1 through R.S. 32:390, or the
15 terms and conditions of a special permit issued under R.S. 32:387 or regulations of
16 either the Department of Transportation and Development or the Department of
17 Public Safety and Correction, public safety services, adopted pursuant to this Part,
18 is authorized to stop such vehicle or combination of vehicles and to inspect, measure,
19 or weigh such vehicle, either by means of portable or stationary scales, or to require

there is a weight violation. Provides an illustrative list of indicators; such as, bulging tires, excessive smoke or exhaust, or difficulty accelerating up to road speed.

(Adds R.S. 32:389(B)(2))