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HOUSE BILL NO. 559

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BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

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

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Provides relative to the Department of Transportation and Development enforcement officers

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 32:2(C)(2), relative to Weights and Standards Stationary Scales
3	Police Force; to provide authority and duties commensurate with sheriffs, constables,
4	and police officers; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 32:2(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§2. Authority of Department of Transportation and Development
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11	(2) Members of the Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force
12	are authorized to carry weapons and to make arrests in the enforcement of these laws
13	and regulations, and in that regard, shall have the same authority and powers
14	conferred by law upon other law enforcement officers of this state; however, no
15	member of the Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force shall be
16	authorized to carry a weapon until the member has received P.O.S.T. certification
17	training. Members of the Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force of
18	the Department of Transportation and Development who receive P.O.S.T.
19	certification training, are considered peace officers and shall have the authority to

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enforce the criminal and traffic laws of the state, apprehend criminals and make

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peace officers, they shall also have, in any part of the state, the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the law relating thereto as sheriffs, constables, and police officers have in their respective jurisdictions. No member of the Weights and Standards Stationary Scale Police Force shall be authorized to carry a weapon until the member has received P.O.S.T. certification training.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the authority and duties of the Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force to make it commensurate with that of other law enforcement officers and provides for related matters.

<u>Present law</u> provides authority for Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police who receive P.O.S.T. training to carry weapons and make arrests with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon other law enforcement officers of this state.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the limited authority granted to Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force and provides for expanded authority and duties for Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force including the authority to enforce criminal and traffic laws, apprehend criminals and make arrests, and the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the law as sheriffs, constables, and police officers.

(Amends R.S. 32:2(C)(2))