

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 746

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Provides relative to oversized trucking permits issued by local governments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(A), relative to statewide uniform permits for oversized
3 vehicles; to remove the requirement that a vehicle obtain a special permit from an
4 agency or department or political subdivision other than the Department of
5 Transportation and Development; to provide for a one year moratorium on the
6 issuance of any local permits for oversized vehicles; to provide exceptions; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 32:387(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §387. Special permits

11 A.(1) No vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the
12 requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386 shall use the public highways of this state
13 without first obtaining a special permit from the department ~~in addition to any other~~
14 ~~special permit which may be required from any other agency or department of the~~
15 ~~state or a political subdivision~~, and the special permit ~~herein~~ provided for in this
16 Section shall be issued at the discretion of the secretary. If a permit issued pursuant
17 to Subsection B of this Section authorizes a vehicle to operate on interstate
18 highways, the secretary may allow the vehicle to operate on interstate highways at
19 night if requested by the owner or operator.

20 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the parish of Bossier.

1 Section 2. A moratorium is hereby established, for a period of one year from the
 2 effective date of this Act, on the enactment or adoption of any ordinance, rule, or regulation
 3 that creates or modifies permit requirements for oversized vehicles. During this moratorium,
 4 political subdivisions may continue to issue permits under existing requirements but shall
 5 not adopt or implement any new or revised permit requirements for oversized vehicles.

6 Section 3. A moratorium is hereby established on the issuance of any local permits
 7 for oversized vehicles for a period of one year from the effective date of this Act. During this
 8 moratorium, no political subdivision shall adopt any new permit requirements for oversized
 9 vehicles.

10 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 14 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 746 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits the requirement of any special permits outside of the permits issued by the Department of Transportation and Development.

Present law requires oversized vehicles or combination of vehicles that do not meet the requirements of present law obtain a special permit when using public highways of the state. Further specifies that the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) be the entity to issue special permits. Further authorizes any other agencies or departments of the state or political subdivisions to issue other special permits.

Proposed law prohibits any special permit outside of the permits required by the DOTD.

Proposed law establishes a one-year moratorium on the issuance of local permits for oversized vehicles and prohibits political subdivisions from adopting new permit requirements during the established moratorium.

Effective upon the signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 32:387(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes
2. Delete a provision that prohibited political subdivisions from adopting any special permit that exceeded the requirements of state law.
3. Add provision to establish a one-year moratorium on the issuance of local permits for oversized vehicles and prohibit political subdivisions from adopting new permit requirements during the established moratorium.
4. Make proposed law effective upon signature of the governor or the lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide for an exception applicable to Bossier Parish from the prohibition against any special permits outside of that which is required by the Department of Transportation and Development.
3. Add a provision establishing a one-year moratorium on the issuance of local permits for oversized vehicles and prohibiting political subdivisions from adopting new permit requirements during the moratorium.