CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 352 by Representative Mickey Guillory

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by the House

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HB No. 352

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes, if there are no objections raised by the federal government, noncritical off-road equipment that has been issued a valid annual noncritical off-road equipment permit to tow a two-axle vehicle provided the towed vehicle does not exceed 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and the combination of the off-road equipment and the towed vehicle does not exceed an overall length of 65 feet. Further authorizes counterweights to be carried on the off-road equipment if carried in functional position.

(Adds R.S. 32:387.12(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation,</u> <u>Highways, and Public Works to the Engrossed bill.</u>

- 1. Removes the option for a concurrent permit to be issued to allow off-road vehicle to tow a two-axle vehicle.
- 2. Removes the prohibition that non-critical off-road equipment does not exceed forty-five feet in length.
- 3. Removes fee and time restraint.

Senate Floor Amendments to the Engrossed Bill.

1. Makes adjustments to title.

Digest of Bill as Proposed by Conference Committee

The bill as proposed by the conference committee is the same as the bill as passed by the House except:

- 1. Removes the option for a concurrent permit to be issued to allow off-road vehicle to tow a two-axle vehicle.
- 2. Removes the prohibition that non-critical off-road equipment does not exceed forty-five feet in length.
- 3. Removes fee and time restraint.
- 4. Clarifies that non-critical off-road equipment can tow a "motor vehicle" rather than a "vehicle."