

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 181

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

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

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides licensing exception to certain operators of a mobile command post vehicle. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:402(C)(4), relative to motor vehicles; to provide licensing exception to
3 certain operators of a mobile command post vehicle; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:402(C)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §402. All drivers must secure license; exception; emergency vehicle exceptions;
8 military personnel exceptions; **emergency command post vehicle**
9 **exception;** violations

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11 C.(1) * * *

12 **(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section or any other law to the**
13 **contrary, the only driver's license required of a full-time, regularly paid**
14 **operator of an emergency command post vehicle which would otherwise meet**
15 **the definition of a commercial motor vehicle, and who is employed by the**
16 **Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness or a**
17 **parish office of emergency preparedness, shall be a Class "E" driver's license**

when operating such vehicle in the course and scope of his employment. Such vehicle shall be equipped with audible and visual signals as required by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration rules.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

Present law requires every person who operates a motor vehicle which is designated as being in either Class "A", "B", "C", "D", or "E" by R.S. 32:408 to secure the appropriately classified driver's license with all necessary endorsements before driving or operating any such motor vehicle on any public street, road, or highway of this state.

Proposed law retains present law and provides a licensing exception from present law for a full-time, regularly paid operator of an emergency command post vehicle which meets the definition of a commercial motor vehicle and who is employed by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness or a parish office of emergency preparedness.

Proposed law provides that such operator is only required to have a Class "E" driver's license.

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

(Adds R.S. 32:402(C)(4))