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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)

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 an operator of an emergency
14	command post vehicle which would otherwise meet the definition of a
15	commercial motor vehicle, and who is employed by the Governor's Office of
16	Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness or a parish office of
17	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 was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Riley Boudreaux.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides a licensing exception from <u>present law</u> for an 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Deletes requirement that the eligible operator be full-time and regularly paid.