

Prior law permitted the DOTD secretary to issue special permits to allow the movement of mobile homes up to 14 feet in width along interstate highways.

New law permits the DOTD secretary to issue special permits to allow the movement of vehicles and loads up to 16 feet in width, including mobile homes, along interstate highways.

Prior law permitted the DOTD secretary to refuse to issue a permit under prior law if the public would be endangered by the movement of a 14 foot mobile home on the interstate highway because of construction, conditions of the highway, or traffic.

New law allows the DOTD secretary to refuse to issue a permit under new law if he determines that the vehicle or load, up to 16 feet in width, traveling along the proposed route would endanger the public due to construction, highway conditions, or traffic along the proposed route.

New law provides that any vehicle traveling under a special permit issued pursuant to new law shall not exceed a speed of 55 miles per hour.

Prior law permitted the DOTD secretary to issue special permits to allow the movement of precast, fiberglass swimming pools and tanks up to 16 feet in width; portable and modular buildings up to 16 feet in width; boats up to 16 feet in width, and specialized heavy haul equipment up to 16 feet in width on interstate highways. Existing law allows the secretary of DOTD to deny the issuance of a permit for movement of these items if he determines the public would be endangered by their movement because of construction, conditions of the highway, or traffic.

New law repeals provisions of prior law relating to the issuance of special permits for the movement of precast, fiberglass swimming pools and tanks up to 16 feet in width; portable and modular buildings up to 16 feet in width; boats up to 16 feet in width, and specialized heavy haul equipment up to 16 feet in width.

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(Amends R.S. 32:387(B)(2); Repeals R.S. 32:387.2, 387.3, 387.13, 387.15, and 387.18)