
DIGEST

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Abstract: Excludes trailers from the definition of "motor vehicle" for the purpose of the prohibition of using campaign funds to purchase a motor vehicle.

Present law prohibits a candidate, political committee, or other person required to file reports pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act from using a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds received by such candidate or committee or person to purchase immovable property or a motor vehicle. Defines "motor vehicle" the same as in present law (R.S. 32:781) which provides that the term means any motor-driven car, van, or truck required to be registered pursuant to the Vehicle Registration License Tax Law (R.S. 47:451 et seq.) or any vehicle manufactured for off-road use and issued a manufacturer's statement or certificate of origin, as required by the La. Motor Vehicle Commission, that cannot be issued a registration certificate and license to operate on the public roads of this state because at the time of manufacture it does not meet the safety requirements prescribed by present law (R.S. 32:1301-1310) which is used or is designed to be used, for the transporting of passengers or goods for public, private, commercial, or for-hire purposes including but not limited to motor homes, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, boat trailers, ambulances, buses, fire trucks, conversion vehicles, wreckers, semitrailers, hearses, and marine products, as any of the terms are defined in present law (R.S. 32:1252).

Proposed law retains present law except it specifically excludes "trailers" as defined in present law (R.S. 32:1252) from the meaning of "motor vehicle". Present law (R.S. 32:1252) provides that "trailer" means every single vehicle without motor power designed for carrying property or passengers wholly on its own structure, drawn by a motor vehicle which carries no part of the weight and load of the trailer on its own wheels and having one or more load-carrying axles and provides that "trailer" includes but is not limited to utility trailers, boat trailers, recreational trailers, semitrailers, livestock trailers, tow dollies, and dump trailers.

(Amends R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(6))