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SENATE BILL NO. 163

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

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

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides relative to special permits for the operation of vehicles issued by the Department of Transportation and Development. (8/1/19)

1 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(A) and (B)(2), relative to special permits; to provide

3 relative to issuance of special permits on the interstate highway system in Louisiana;

4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:387(A) and (B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as

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§387. Special permits

the owner or operator.

A. No vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386 shall use the public highways of this state without first obtaining a special permit from the department in addition to any other special permit which may be required from any other agency or department of the state or a political subdivision, and the special permit herein provided for shall be issued at the discretion of the secretary. If a permit issued pursuant to Subsection B of this Section authorizes a vehicle to operate on interstate highways, the secretary may allow require the vehicle to operate on interstate highways at night if requested by

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

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Paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) of this Subsection, the secretary may issue special permits to permit movement along the interstate highway system within Louisiana of vehicles and loads up to sixteen feet in width that do not meet the requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386. The request for a permit may be denied, if the secretary determines that the vehicle or load traveling along the proposed route would endanger the public due to construction, highway conditions, or traffic along the proposed route. Any vehicle traveling under a special permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall not exceed a speed of fifty-five miles per hour.

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

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<u>Present law</u> requires a vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386 to obtain a special permit from DOTD before using the public highways of this state in addition to any other special permit which may be required from any other agency or department of the state or a political subdivision. Special permits are issued at the discretion of the secretary. The secretary may allow vehicles and loads up to 16 feet in width with a special permit to operate on interstate highways at night if requested by the owner or operator.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> to authorize the secretary to require use of interstate highways at night.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the secretary to issue special permits to permit movement along the interstate highway system within Louisiana of vehicles and loads up to 16 feet in width.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> to remove the 16-foot width limitation on the interstate highway system.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 32:387(A) and (B)(2))