

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1277 (Substitute for House Bill No. 53 by Representative Roy)

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROY AND SENATOR MCPHERSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:387.9.1 and 387.19, relative to special permits; to authorize vehicles
3 hauling agronomic or horticultural crops by special permit to travel upon a segment
4 of Interstate 49 as an alternate route to US 71 and US 167; to authorize issuance of
5 special permits for one-way hauls of bagged rice for export within a sixty-mile radius
6 of the Port of Lake Charles; to authorize the Department of Transportation and
7 Development to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for limitations; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 32:387.9.1 and 387.19 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §387.9.1. Special permits; vehicles hauling agronomic or horticultural crops;
12 authorization to travel upon segment of Interstate 49 as alternate route to US
13 71 and US 167

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and provided the
15 federal government does not raise any objection to such permitted weight limit, any
16 vehicle issued an annual special permit pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 32:387.9
17 may travel upon that segment of Interstate 49 between its interchange with US 71
18 and US 167 (MacArthur Drive) south of the city of Alexandria and its interchange
19 with Rapides Station Road north of the city of Alexandria as an alternate route to US
20 71 and US 167.

21 §387.19. Special permit; bagged rice for export; rules and regulations; Port of Lake
22 Charles

23 A. Provided there are no written objections raised by the Federal Highway
24 Administration, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development
25 may issue special annual permits for one-way hauls of bagged rice for export within

1 a sixty-mile radius of the Port of Lake Charles. These special permits shall be
2 issued at the truck permit office of the Department of Transportation and
3 Development.

4 (1) The permit shall be issued at the truck permit office of the Department of
5 Transportation and Development.

6 (2) The fee for the permit shall be five hundred dollars annually.

7 (3) The permit may authorize the operation of a vehicle or combination of
8 vehicles with a total gross vehicle weight not to exceed ninety-five thousand pounds.
9 No tandem axle set equipped with low pressure pneumatic tires shall exceed thirty-
10 four thousand pounds on the interstate system or thirty-seven thousand pounds off
11 the interstate system. No tridum axle set equipped with low pressure pneumatic
12 tires shall exceed forty-two thousand pounds on the interstate system or forty-five
13 thousand pounds off the interstate system.

14 (4) The secretary may impose a civil penalty of up to five cents per pound
15 for each violation of the weight limit established by this Section.

16 (B) The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with
17 the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to enforce the provision of this
18 Section.

19 Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 32:387.9.1 shall become null and void and have
20 no effect if federal highway funding is withheld due to the passage of this Act.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____