

Regular Session, 2010
HOUSE BILL NO. 140
BY REPRESENTATIVE LITTLE

ACT No. 563

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:299.2 and to repeal R.S. 32:297.1, relative to off-road vehicles; to provide
3 relative to mini-trucks; to provide for registration of mini-trucks; to authorize
4 operation of mini-trucks on certain highways of this state under certain
5 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:299.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §299.2. Off-road vehicles; mini-trucks

9 A. A mini-truck may be operated upon a highway of this state where the
10 posted speed limit is fifty-five miles per hour or less except an interstate or
11 controlled access highway or a multi-lane divided highway which has partial or no
12 control of access.

13 B. Subject to Subsection A of this Section, a mini-truck operated upon a
14 highway of this state shall be equipped with head lamps, front and rear turn signal
15 lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the
16 vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle
17 or an interior mirror, a parking brake, a windshield wiper, speedometer, odometer,
18 braking for each wheel, a seat belt assembly installed at each designated seating
19 position, and a vehicle identification number.

1 C. Any mini-truck operated upon a highway of this state shall register as an
2 off-road vehicle and shall display a decal issued by the office of motor vehicles. The
3 office of motor vehicles may require presentation of a notarized translation of a mini-
4 truck title presented in a foreign language, if necessary. The translation shall be
5 provided at the expense of the applicant.

6 D. No mini-truck shall be operated upon a highway of this state by an
7 unlicensed driver.

8 E. Any mini-truck operated upon a highway of this state shall have liability
9 insurance with the same minimum limits as required by the provisions of R.S.
10 32:900(B).

11 F. As used in this Section, "mini-truck" shall mean any four-wheeled,
12 reduced dimension truck that may not have a National Highway Safety
13 Administration classification, with a top speed of sixty-five miles per hour,
14 equipped with a truck bed or compartment for hauling, and having an enclosed
15 passenger cab.

16 G. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
17 vehicles, shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative
18 Procedure Act, subject to oversight by the House and Senate committees on
19 transportation, highways, and public works, as necessary to implement the provisions
20 of this Section.

21 H.(1) Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the
22 Department of Transportation and Development from prohibiting the operation of
23 any mini-truck upon any state highway under its jurisdiction if the department
24 determines that such prohibition is necessary for the safety of the motoring public.

25 (2) Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prohibit parish or
26 municipal governments from prohibiting the operation of any mini-truck upon any
27 parish or municipal road or highway under its jurisdiction if such parish or municipal

1 government determines that such prohibition is necessary for the safety of the
2 motoring public.

3 Section 2. R.S. 32:297.1 is hereby repealed.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____