

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 491

BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLANT AND SENATOR THOMPSON

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(C)(2) and to enact R.S. 32:387(B)(6), relative to special
3 permits to overwidth vehicles; to provide special permits to vehicles transporting hay
4 due to a disaster or emergency; to provide an effective date; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:387(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 32:387(B)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §387. Special permits

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11 B.

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13 (6) The secretary may issue special permits to those vehicles transporting
14 hay due to a disaster or emergency, including but not limited to severe and extended
15 drought conditions. The secretary may promulgate the rules and regulations in
16 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as may be necessary to implement
17 the provisions of this Paragraph.

18 C.

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20 (2)(a) In addition, subject to the provisions of Paragraphs (3), (4), ~~and (5)~~
21 (5), and (6) of Subsection B of this Section, the secretary may issue special permits
22 he finds essential and in the best interest of the state by reason of an emergency
23 situation, unusual circumstances, natural catastrophes, or disasters affecting the
24 transportation on the highways of the state of farm products in their natural state or

1 forest products in their natural state. The weight limitations of any special farm or
 2 forest product permit so issued shall not exceed those set forth in ~~D, E, F and G~~ of
 3 ~~Section 386 of this Chapter~~ R.S. 32:386(D), (E), (F), and (G); the gross weight of
 4 any combination of vehicles shall not exceed one hundred thousand pounds; and the
 5 length of any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed seventy-five feet.
 6 Each such special farm or forest product permit shall be issued for designated routes.

7 (b) The secretary may establish and collect reasonable fees for each special
 8 farm or forest product permit issued. Permit fees shall be uniform for each
 9 classification of vehicle ~~and/or~~ and the purpose for which issued.

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11 Section 2. The Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of time for bills to become law without signature
 13 of the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 15 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____