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Legislative Update 2023 Legislature, Regular Session Truckers Association

Signed by Governor:

HB 11 (ACT No.8) by Foy Gadberry→Increases the contract limit for construction, maintenance, or improvement projects of the Department of Transportation and Development to \$1,000,000. Effective on August 1st, 2023. Last Action: 5-30-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1328114>

HB 83 (ACT No.114) by Vincent Pierre→Clarifies that the student toll exemption applies to all students traveling via public ferry and to all students on school buses traveling on a road or bridge between 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Excludes the Greater New Orleans Expressway. Last Action: 6-6-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1331992>

SB 100 (ACT No.43) by Eddie Lambert→Provides for advanced recycling facilities. The proposed law keeps the existing law and expands it by including adhesives and excluding hydrocarbon raw materials, waxes, lubricants, crude oil, naphtha, and other basic hydrocarbons as products. Provides clear definitions to related terms.

Effective on June 1st, 2023. Last Action: 6-1-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1329076>

Awaiting Approval by Governor:

HB 60 (Enrolled) by Michael Echols→Provides for the regulation of fueling stations for electric vehicles. Adds provisions for the definitions of “electricity disbursed by electric vehicle supply equipment” and “electric vehicle supply equipment” under the La. Weights and Measures Law. Last Action: 6-8-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1331446>

HB 215 (Enrolled) by Michael Echols→Provides relative to acceptable methods of payment for the office of motor vehicles. Requires the office of motor vehicles to accept credit cards, charge cards, and debit cards as a method of payment for fees, fines, taxes, penalties, and interest, along with all other payment methods currently used, excluding the payment of the payment for the International Registration Plan. Last Action: 5-31-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1327715>

HB 221 (Enrolled) by Mark Wright→Requires an agency, excluding BESE and any professional licensing board or commission, to identify two agency rules that it may repeal or revise at the same time it proposes to adopt a new rule and grants to a select committee on oversight of a house of the legislature the same power and authority regarding review of agency rules granted to the standing committees and any oversight subcommittee thereof if notified by the chairman of that committee that the standing committee or oversight subcommittee this his committee will not hold a hearing on a proposal. Last Action: 6-7-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1330943>

HB 301 (Enrolled) by Troy Romero→Aims to add wrecker service companies working hazardous material accidents to those entitled to reimbursement of remedial costs.

Authorizes wrecker service companies to sue to be reimbursed by the responsible person or their insurance company for remedial costs in connection with working hazardous material accidents. Last Action: 6-1-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1328282>

HB 592 (Enrolled) by Rodney Schamerhorn→Provides relative to the driver's education course. Revises portions of the driver education law to allow for the driver education course to be administered by a licensed Class "D" and "E" driver education provider.

Last Action: 6-2-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1328542>

HR 268 (Enrolled) by Alonzo Knox→Urges and requests the office of motor vehicles, the La. State Police, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and the Safety Management Council to work together to host educational forums to ensure regulations are being consistently enforced and followed by commercial motor vehicle companies within La.. Last Action: 6-7-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1331458>

SB 44 (Enrolled) by Rogers Pope→Relative to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. Aims to provide for the designation of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on highways in the state highway system; to provide for the definition of a HOV, and to provide relative to high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane violations. Last Action: 6-8-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1331835>

SB 62 (Enrolled) by Mike Fesi, Sr.→Provides for the notification of certain hazardous material releases. Makes changes to the “Right-to-Know” law to inform the public of risks of natural gas releases of any amount higher than 42,000 pounds. Last Action: 6-6-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1330089>

SB 67 (Enrolled) by Robert Mills→Aims to make technical changes related to the Louisiana Timber and Agriculture Transportation Group Self-Insurance Funds.

Read full provisions here:

Last Action: 6-4-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1328777>

SB 77 (Enrolled) by Mike Reese→Provides relative to the capital outlay process. The proposed law requires a match of at least 25% of the total project cost for non-state entity capital outlay projects but has no additional changes to the present law. The present law prohibits the commencement of work and contracting for a project unless there are funds available from specific sources, except for Department of Transportation and Development projects. The proposed law adds an exception for funds received as supplemental funds for ongoing projects for which contracts have been issued, and otherwise retains the present law. Last Action: 6-5-23

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1329917>

SB 196 (Enrolled) by Barrow Peacock→Creates the Litigation Financing Disclosure and Security Protection Act. Provides definitions for related terms. The proposed law mandates that parties involved in civil litigation, including personal injury cases and class action suits, disclose any litigation financing contracts or agreements where someone other than the legal representative receiving compensation or proceeds is contingent upon the outcome of the case. The existence of such financing and all participants in it can be subject to discovery. Legal representatives in class action suits must also disclose any relationships with litigation financiers. The litigation financier can be held liable for costs

and monetary sanctions, and violating the proposed law can make the financing contract unenforceable. Last Action: 6-5-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1318314>

SB 204 (Enrolled) by Sharon Hewitt→Relative the M.J Foster Promise Award program. Provides for the regulations in which the aid will be edible to students. Last Action: 6-7-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1330983>

SB 214 (Enrolled) by Patrick McMath→Relative to the Department of Economic Development. Aims to create the office of port development within the department. Provides for the selection of a commissioner and development advisory commission. Last Action: 6-7-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1331274>

House Appropriations:

HB 39 (No Action Taken) by Phillip Tarver→Removes cap on annual amount that may be deposited into the Megaprojects Leverage Fund (MLF). Last Action: 2-24-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1300905>

HB 417/ HB 418 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Brett Geymann→Beginning with Fiscal Year 2024-2025, establishes the La. Sustainability Limit (limit) to restrict the growth in the total amount of state general fund and dedicated fund monies the legislature may appropriate in any fiscal year to the 10-year average percentage rate of change in the state's gross domestic product (GDP) and provides for uses of any recognized revenues above the La. Sustainability Limit and below the expenditure limit. Last Action: 5-8-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1308677>

HB 451 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Brett Geymann→Beginning with Fiscal Year 2024-2025, establishes the La. Sustainability Limit (hereafter the "limit") to restrict the growth in the total amount of state general fund and dedicated fund monies the legislature may appropriate in any fiscal year to the 10-year average percentage rate of change in the state's gross domestic product (GDP) and to authorize certain uses of any monies in the official forecast that are above the limit and below the expenditure limit. Last Action: 5-8-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1309081>

House Ways and Means:

HB 153 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Phillip DeVillier→Provides for a four-year phase-in, from 2024 through 2027, of an ad valorem property tax exemption for business inventory and requires that the decrease in taxes associated with the exemption be absorbed by the taxing authority, causing neither increases in tax liability for taxpayers nor reappraisal.

Last Action: 4-25-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1304902>

HB 246 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Phillip DeVillier→Phases-out corporation income taxes over five years beginning on Jan. 1, 2024. Prohibits tax from being assessed, levied, collected, or paid on the La. taxable income of any corporation for tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2028. Last Action: 5-9-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1306328>

House Insurance:

HB 245 (Vote Failed) by Robby Carter→Provides a 5% reduction in premiums charged for bodily injury, property damage liability, personal injury protection, medical payments, and collision coverage with respect to a motor vehicle equipped with an operating dashboard camera. Provides that every insurer issuing motor vehicle insurance shall establish a system for the submission of proof and certification that an operating dashboard camera has been installed. Last Action: 5-16-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1306329>

House Civil Law:

HB 324 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Paula Davis→Relative to vicarious liability of an employer. Aims to provide that when a defendant is alleged to be vicariously liable for the acts of an employee, agent, or other person and has accepted vicarious liability for any fault of the employee, agent, or other person, evidence of independent fault of the vicariously liable defendant, including alleged negligent hiring, training, retention, or entrustment shall not be admissible. Last Action: 4-18-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1307626>

House Natural Resources and Environment:

HB 535 (Favorably) by Jean-Paul Coussan→Relative to the use of monies in the Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account. Aims to use the funds from the Waste Tire Management Dedicated Fund Account to clean up abandoned waste tires, but only if there are available funds after all payments have been made according to present law. However, the funds cannot be used for waste tire cleanup if the account balance is insufficient to pay the waste tire processors as required by present law. Last Action: 4-20-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1314064>

House Labor and Industrial Relations:

HB 283 (Vote Failed) by Vanessa LaFleur→Provides that it shall be unlawful for any employer to discriminate, retaliate, or take any adverse employment action against an employee, who inquires, discloses, compares, or discusses his wages, another employee's wages, or aids or encourages any other employee to exercise the same rights. Last Action: 5-18-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1306760>

HB 313 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Ed Larvadain→Aims to afford certain protections to employees of commercial entities by establishing policies and practices that properly and efficiently address, mitigate, and, whenever possible, prevent workplace violence in commercial settings. Last Action: 5-18-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1307585>

HB 351 (Favorably) by Mandie Landry→Provides relative to a recommendation of medical marijuana in employment. Provides that a qualifying medical marijuana patient who receives a recommendation from an authorized clinician to use marijuana for a therapeutic use shall not be disqualified for unemployment compensation benefits. Last Action: 5-24-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1323817>

House Commerce:

HB 567 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Vincent St. Blancc→Provides for vehicles transporting raw materials used for the production of concrete or asphalt an increased weight allowance of 13.5%. Last Action: 5-9-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1309861>

House Transportation:

HB 559 (No Action Taken) by Malinda White→Expands the authority and duties of the Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force to make it commensurate with that of other law enforcement officers and provides for related matters. Last Action: 3-31-23.
Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1309784>

HB 581 (Favorably) by Mark Wright→Proposed law establishes the Louisiana Port Authority (LPA) to represent and promote the interests of all ports in the state. The main goals are to create a master plan for port development, coordinate efforts to attract international trade, prioritize funding for port and water transportation development, and facilitate financing arrangements for the state's ports. The LPA aims to bring focus and coordination to the state's port-related activities and enhance the financial capacity of its ports. Last Action: 4-24-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1314804>

HB 594 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Ed Larvadain→Updates the name and governing authority of the Weights and Standards Stationary Police Force and grants them the powers and responsibilities of the police enforcement. Last Action: 5-9-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1309934>

HB 595 (No Action Taken) by Raymond Garofalo→Relative to the creation of the La. Towing and Recovery Board and their ability to govern the motor vehicle towing industry. Last Action: 4-19-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1309939>

HR 161 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Roy Daryl Adams→Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to consider the need to require or recommend automated wheel chocks for trucks transporting hazardous materials. Last Action: 5-22-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1322650>

Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs:

HB 278 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Jack McFarland→A Constitutional Amendment that would increase the amounts of state severance tax revenues remitted to parishes. Repeals

a previously adopted trigger for increasing these amounts which has never been implemented. Requires that parishes expend portions of these amounts in a manner consistent with expenditure of monies they receive from the Parish Transportation Fund, and implements provisions of the current constitution for the use of certain severance tax revenues for Atchafalaya Basin conservation projects. Last Action: 6-1-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1317720>

HB 280 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Larry Bagley→Establishes a threshold for "excess severance tax" remitted to parishes and requires parishes to use excess severance tax revenues for economic development activities and infrastructure projects. Last Action: 5-15-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1313540>

Senate Finance:

SB 50 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Mark Abraham→Establishes the "Calcasieu Parish Tolling Authority Act". Allows the authority to enter into contracts and perform duties necessary for its purpose as a nonprofit corporation. Mandates that the authority comply with public-private partnership project laws. Last Action: 5-24-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1321425>

Senate Insurance:

SB 208 (No Action Taken) by Kirk Talbot→Relative to the appointment of the commissioner of insurance. Provides for the requirements for appointments and removal of the commissioner of insurance. Last Action: 3-31-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1310028>

Senate Transportation:

HCR 135 (No Action Taken) by Alonzo Knox→Relative to commercial driving licenses. Urges and requests the office of motor vehicles to begin implementing new federal regulations related to state driver's licensing agencies accessing and using information obtained through the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. Last Action: 6-2-23.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1327181>

