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Legislative Update 2023 Legislature, Regular Session Truckers Association

House Floor Action:

HB 221 (Passed Y:67/N:28) by Mark Wright→Provides relative to rule making and oversight pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. Requires an agency other than the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or a professional licensing board or commission to identify two rules that it may repeal or revise rather than requiring an agency to repeal two rules for each new rule it proposes.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1325229>

Senate Floor Action:

HB 11 (Passed Y:38/N:0) by Foy Gadberry→Increases the contract limit for construction, maintenance, or improvement projects of the Department of Transportation and Development to \$1,000,000.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1325261>

House Civil Law:

SB 196 (Favorably) 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.

Read full provisions here:

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

Read adopted Amendments here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1324524>

House Ways and Means:

SB 77 (Favorably) 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.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1312200>

House Natural Resources and Environment:

SB 62 (Favorably) 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.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1322157>

House Transportation:

HR 161 (Voluntarily Deferred) by 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 and issue its written findings to the House of Representatives by March 1, 2024.

Read full provisions here:

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

Senate Finance:

SB 50 (Voluntarily Deferred) by Mark Abraham→Establishes the “Calcasieu Parish I-10 Bridge Authority”. Provides relative to the Calcasieu Parish I-10 Bridge Authority to contract with private entities for the development or operation of a tollway equipped with

tolls. Specifies the boundary and jurisdiction of the authority is coextensive with the boundaries of Calcasieu Parish. Provides the authority has powers granted by virtue of it being a nonprofit corporation and may exercise powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of its purposes; further provides for the use of funds from the Megaprojects leverage fund to reduce or eliminate the toll of citizens from the five parish area including Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson. Read full provisions here:

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

Senate Transportation:

HB 215 (Favorably) 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.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1315254>

HB 592 (Favorably) 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.

Read full provisions here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1321643>