

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Department of Transportation and Development announces its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the Notice of Intent entitled, “Weights and Standards (LAC 73:I.Chapters 1-30)”, that was promulgated on pages 2458-2488 in the Louisiana Register on September 20, 2022.

This rule-making was affected by the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, and through the authority granted in R.S. 32:380 through 388.1, R.S. 32:390, and R.S. 47:718, that the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Operations, Weights and Standards Section, amends the Weights and Standards rule.

23 C.F.R. § 657.5 requires the State to enforce vehicle size and weight laws. Pursuant to 23 C.F.R. § 657.19, if such laws are not enforced, the State risks losing ten percent of its federal transportation funding apportionment. This responsibility for enforcement at stationary scales was transferred to DOTD on July 1, 2022. This rule provides updated procedures for enforcement of vehicle size and weight laws, and provides for compliance with federal laws regarding vehicle size and weight laws. Consequently, there will be no significant adverse impact to the public, businesses, local or state governmental entities.

The Department has received no written or oral comments; therefore, the Department has not conducted a public hearing pursuant to La. R.S. 49:953(A)(2).

The Notice of Intent was received by the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works on September 7, 2022. Time delays have lapsed and no public hearings have been requested.

The Department intends to promulgate this rule in the same form as the Notice of Intent. A copy of the published Notice of Intent is attached for your convenience.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the Senate or House Committees on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, DOTD intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication.