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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

A bill for an act

1.1 relating to traffic regulations; regulating height, gross vehicle weights, and axle  
1.2 weights of vehicles; defining recreational vehicle combinations; authorizing  
1.3 permits for certain combinations of vehicles; making clarifying changes;  
1.4 imposing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.01,  
1.5 subdivision 78; 169.80, subdivision 1; 169.801, subdivisions 1, 2; 169.81,  
1.6 subdivisions 1, 2, 3c; 169.822, subdivision 5; 169.823, subdivision 1; 169.824;  
1.7 169.826, subdivision 1a; 169.8261; 169.827; 169.828, subdivision 2; 169.85,  
1.8 subdivision 1; 169.86, subdivisions 1, 1a, 5; 169.862; 169.87, subdivisions 2,  
1.9 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169; repealing  
1.10 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.81, subdivisions 5, 5a, 5b; 169.863.  
1.11

1.12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.01, subdivision 78, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 78. **Recreational vehicle combination.** (a) "Recreational vehicle  
1.15 combination" means a combination of vehicles consisting of a truck or pickup truck ~~as~~  
1.16 ~~defined in section 168.011, subdivision 29;~~ attached by means of a fifth-wheel coupling to  
1.17 a ~~camper-semitrailer~~ middle vehicle, which has hitched to it a trailer carrying: a watercraft  
1.18 as defined in section 86B.005, subdivision 18; an off-highway motorcycle as defined  
1.19 in section 84.787, subdivision 7; a motorcycle; a motorized bicycle; a snowmobile as  
1.20 defined in section 84.81, subdivision 3; an all-terrain vehicle as defined in section 84.92,  
1.21 subdivision 8; a motorized golf cart; or equestrian equipment or supplies.

1.22 (b) For purposes of this subdivision:

1.23 ~~(1)~~ a "fifth-wheel coupling" is a coupling between a ~~camper-semitrailer~~ vehicle and  
1.24 a towing truck or pickup truck in which a portion of the weight of the ~~camper-semitrailer~~  
1.25 towed vehicle is carried over or forward of the rear axle of the towing truck or pickup  
1.26 truck. The coupling must consist of a fifth-wheel plate and kingpin assembly.

2.1 ~~(2) A "camper-semitrailer" is a trailer, other than a manufactured home as defined in~~  
2.2 ~~section 327B.01, subdivision 13, designed for human habitation and used for vacation or~~  
2.3 ~~recreational purposes for limited periods.~~

2.4 **Sec. 2. [169.422] TRUCKS; LOADING REQUIREMENTS, PENALTIES.**

2.5 Subdivision 1. Loading requirements generally. (a) Except as provided otherwise  
2.6 in this subdivision, no vehicle may be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle  
2.7 is so constructed, so loaded, or the load so securely covered as to prevent any of its load  
2.8 from dropping, sifting, leaking, blowing, or otherwise escaping.

2.9 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing  
2.10 traction, or water or other substances may be sprinkled on a roadway as part of cleaning or  
2.11 maintaining the roadway.

2.12 (c) This subdivision does not apply to motor vehicles operated by a farmer or the  
2.13 farmer's agent when transporting produce such as small grains, shelled corn, soybeans, or  
2.14 other farm produce of a size and density not likely to cause injury to persons or damage  
2.15 to property on escaping in small amounts from a vehicle.

2.16 (d) Violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor, except that violation by a vehicle  
2.17 that is carrying farm produce and that is not exempted under paragraph (c) is a petty  
2.18 misdemeanor.

2.19 Subd. 2. Firewood. (a) A person shall not operate or move on a highway a vehicle  
2.20 with a cargo area without a rear wall that carries a load of cut firewood of less than three  
2.21 feet in length unless the rear of the cargo area is covered with a material of sufficient  
2.22 strength to prevent any part of the load from escaping from the rear. A person shall not  
2.23 transport firewood in any vehicle in an unsafe manner.

2.24 (b) Violation of this subdivision is a petty misdemeanor except that a peace officer  
2.25 may issue a citation that amounts to a warning (1) for a first offense, and (2) if, in the  
2.26 judgment of the citing peace officer at the site, the load of firewood is made safe for  
2.27 transport.

2.28 Subd. 3. Sand and similar materials. (a) The driver of a vehicle transporting sand,  
2.29 gravel, aggregate, dirt, lime rock, silica, or similar material on a street or highway shall  
2.30 ensure that the cargo compartment of the vehicle is securely covered if:

2.31 (1) the vertical distance from the top of an exterior wall of the cargo compartment  
2.32 to the load, when measured downward along the inside surface of the wall, is less than  
2.33 six inches; or

2.34 (2) the horizontal distance from the top of an exterior wall of the cargo compartment  
2.35 to the load is less than two feet.

3.1 (b) The driver may not operate a vehicle to transport sand, gravel, aggregate, dirt,  
3.2 lime rock, silica, or similar material in or on any part of the vehicle other than in the cargo  
3.3 container. The vehicle must be cleaned of loose sand, gravel, aggregate, dirt, lime rock,  
3.4 silica, or similar material before the vehicle is moved on a street or highway following  
3.5 loading or unloading.

3.6 (c) Violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

3.7 Subd. 4. **Garbage and similar materials.** (a) A driver of a vehicle used to transport  
3.8 garbage, rubbish, trash, debris, or similar material is not required to cover the transported  
3.9 material if (1) the vehicle is being operated at a speed less than 30 miles per hour, (2) the  
3.10 vehicle is not being operated on an interstate highway, and (3) no part of the load escapes  
3.11 from the vehicle. A driver must immediately retrieve material that escapes from the  
3.12 vehicle, when it is safe to do so.

3.13 (b) Violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

3.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.80, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.15 Subdivision 1. **Limitations; misdemeanor.** (a) It is a misdemeanor for a person  
3.16 to drive or move, or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved,  
3.17 on a highway a vehicle or vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations stated in  
3.18 sections 169.80 to 169.88, or otherwise in violation of sections 169.80 to 169.88, other  
3.19 than section ~~169.81, subdivision 5a, and~~ 169.422, subdivision 2. The maximum size and  
3.20 weight of vehicles as prescribed in sections 169.80 to 169.88 shall be lawful throughout  
3.21 this state, and local authorities shall have no power or authority to alter these limitations  
3.22 except as express authority may be granted in sections 169.80 to 169.88.

3.23 (b) When all the axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles are weighed separately  
3.24 the sum of the weights of the axles so weighed shall be evidence of the total gross weight  
3.25 of the vehicle or combination of vehicles so weighed.

3.26 (c) When each of the axles of any group that contains two or more consecutive  
3.27 axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles have been weighed separately the sum  
3.28 of the weights of the axles so weighed shall be evidence of the total gross weight on  
3.29 the group of axles so weighed.

3.30 (d) When, in any group of three or more consecutive axles of a vehicle or  
3.31 combination of vehicles any axles have been weighed separately and two or more axles  
3.32 consecutive to each other in the group have been weighed together, the sum of the weights  
3.33 of the axles weighed separately and the axles weighed together shall be evidence of the  
3.34 total gross weight of the group of axles so weighed.

4.1 (e) The provisions of sections 169.80 to 169.88 governing size, weight, and load  
4.2 shall not apply to a fire apparatus, or to a vehicle operated under the terms of a special  
4.3 permit issued as provided by law.

4.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.801, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.5 Subdivision 1. **Exemption from size, weight, load provisions.** (a) Except as  
4.6 provided in this section and section 169.82, the provisions of sections 169.80 to 169.88  
4.7 that govern size, weight, and load do not apply to:

4.8 (1) a horse-drawn wagon while carrying a load of loose straw or hay;

4.9 (2) a specialized vehicle resembling a low-slung trailer having a short bed or  
4.10 platform, while transporting one or more implements of husbandry; or

4.11 (3) an implement of husbandry while being driven or towed at a speed of not more  
4.12 than 30 miles per hour; provided that this exemption applies to an implement of husbandry  
4.13 owned, leased, or under the control of a farmer or implement dealer only while the  
4.14 implement of husbandry is being operated on noninterstate roads or highways within 75  
4.15 miles of any farmland or implement dealership: (i) owned, leased, or operated by the  
4.16 farmer or implement dealer and (ii) on which the farmer or implement dealer regularly  
4.17 uses or sells or leases the implement of husbandry.

4.18 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clause (3), sections 169.84 and 169.88 apply  
4.19 to implements of husbandry on bridges.

4.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.801, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.21 Subd. 2. **Weight per inch of tire width.** An implement of husbandry that is not  
4.22 self-propelled and is equipped with pneumatic tires may not be operated on a public  
4.23 highway with a maximum wheel load that exceeds ~~600 pounds per inch of tire width~~  
4.24 ~~before August 1, 1996, and 500 pounds per inch of tire width on and after August 1, 1996.~~

4.25 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.81, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.26 Subdivision 1. **Height.** ~~(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b);~~ No vehicle unladen  
4.27 or with load shall exceed a height of 13 feet six inches.

4.28 ~~(b) A double-deck bus may not exceed a height of 14 feet three inches. Any~~  
4.29 ~~carrier operating a double-deck bus exceeding 13 feet six inches shall obtain from the~~  
4.30 ~~commissioner, with respect to highways under the commissioner's jurisdiction, and from~~  
4.31 ~~local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, an annual permit to~~  
4.32 ~~operate the bus upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the party granting the permit.~~  
4.33 ~~Annual permits shall be issued in accordance with applicable provisions of section 169.86.~~

5.1 ~~The fee for an annual permit issued by the commissioner is as provided in section 169.86;~~  
5.2 ~~subdivision 5.~~

5.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.81, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.4 Subd. 2. **Length of single vehicle; exceptions.** (a) Statewide, no single vehicle may  
5.5 exceed ~~40~~ 45 feet in overall length, including load and front and rear bumpers, except:

5.6 ~~(1) mobile cranes, which may not exceed 48 feet in overall length;~~

5.7 ~~(2) buses, which may not exceed 45 feet in overall length; and~~

5.8 ~~(3) type A, B, or C motor homes as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 25;~~

5.9 ~~paragraph (c), which may not exceed 45 feet in overall length.~~

5.10 (b) Statewide, no semitrailer may exceed 48 feet in overall length, including bumper  
5.11 and load, but excluding non-cargo-carrying equipment, such as refrigeration units or air  
5.12 compressors, necessary for safe and efficient operation and located on the end of the  
5.13 semitrailer adjacent to the truck-tractor. However, statewide, a single semitrailer may  
5.14 exceed 48 feet, but not 53 feet, if the distance from the kingpin to the centerline of the  
5.15 rear axle group of the semitrailer does not exceed 43 feet. For purposes of this paragraph,  
5.16 "axle group" means all axles with centers spaced at eight feet or less as measured from the  
5.17 foremost to rearmost axles of the group.

5.18 (c) Statewide, no single trailer may have an overall length exceeding 45 feet,  
5.19 including the tow bar assembly but exclusive of rear bumpers that do not increase the  
5.20 overall length by more than six inches.

5.21 (d) For determining compliance with this subdivision, the length of the semitrailer  
5.22 or trailer must be determined separately from the overall length of the combination of  
5.23 vehicles.

5.24 (e) No semitrailer or trailer used in a three-vehicle combination may have an overall  
5.25 length in excess of 28-1/2 feet, exclusive of:

5.26 (1) non-cargo-carrying accessory equipment, including refrigeration units or air  
5.27 compressors and upper coupler plates, necessary for safe and efficient operation, located  
5.28 on the end of the semitrailer or trailer adjacent to the truck or truck-tractor;

5.29 (2) the tow bar assembly; and

5.30 (3) lower coupler equipment that is a fixed part of the rear end of the first semitrailer  
5.31 or trailer.

5.32 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.81, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

5.33 Subd. 3c. **Recreational vehicle combination.** Notwithstanding subdivision 3, a  
5.34 recreational vehicle combination may be operated without a permit if:

6.1 (1) the combination does not consist of more than three vehicles, and the towing  
 6.2 rating of the towing truck or pickup truck is equal to or greater than the total weight of  
 6.3 all vehicles being towed;

6.4 (2) the combination does not exceed 70 feet in length;

6.5 (3) ~~the middle vehicle in the combination does not exceed 28 feet in length;~~

6.6 (4) the operator of the combination is at least 18 years of age;

6.7 (5) (4) the trailer carrying a watercraft, a motorcycle, a motorized bicycle, an  
 6.8 off-highway motorcycle, a snowmobile, an all-terrain vehicle, a motorized golf cart, or  
 6.9 equestrian equipment or supplies meets all requirements of law;

6.10 (6) (5) the trailers in the combination are connected to the towing truck or pickup  
 6.11 truck and each other in conformity with section 169.82; and

6.12 (7) (6) the combination is not operated within the seven-county metropolitan area,  
 6.13 as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
 6.14 and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

6.15 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.822, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

6.16 Subd. 5. **Tandem axles.** "Tandem axles" means ~~two consecutive~~ all axles whose  
 6.17 centers ~~are~~ may be included between two parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more  
 6.18 than 40 inches and not more than 96 inches apart.

6.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.823, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.20 Subdivision 1. **Pneumatic-tired vehicle.** ~~No~~ A person shall not operate any vehicle  
 6.21 or combination of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires ~~shall be operated~~ upon the  
 6.22 highways of this state if:

6.23 (1) ~~where~~ the gross weight on any wheel exceeds 9,000 pounds, except that on  
 6.24 designated local routes and state trunk highways the gross weight on any single wheel  
 6.25 shall not exceed 10,000 pounds;

6.26 (2) ~~where~~ the gross weight on any single axle exceeds 18,000 pounds, except that  
 6.27 on designated local routes and state trunk highways the gross weight on any single axle  
 6.28 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;

6.29 (3) ~~where~~ the maximum wheel load:

6.30 (i) on the foremost and rearmost steering axles, exceeds 600 pounds per inch of tire  
 6.31 width or the manufacturer's recommended load, whichever is less; or

6.32 (ii) on other axles, exceeds 500 pounds per inch of tire width or the manufacturer's  
 6.33 recommended load, whichever is less. ~~This item applies to new vehicles manufactured~~  
 6.34 ~~after August 1, 1991. For vehicles manufactured before August 2, 1991, the maximum~~

7.1 ~~weight per inch of tire width is 600 pounds per inch or the manufacturer's recommended~~  
 7.2 ~~load, whichever is less, until August 1, 1996. After July 31, 1996, this item applies to all~~  
 7.3 ~~vehicles regardless of date of manufacture;~~

7.4 (4) ~~where the gross weight on any axle of a tridem exceeds 15,000 pounds, except~~  
 7.5 ~~that for vehicles to which an additional axle has been added prior to June 1, 1981, the~~  
 7.6 ~~maximum gross weight on any axle of a tridem may be up to 16,000 pounds provided the~~  
 7.7 ~~gross weight of the tridem combination does not exceed 39,900 pounds where the first and~~  
 7.8 ~~third tandem axles of the tridem are spaced nine feet apart exceeds 34,000 pounds; or~~

7.9 (5) where the gross weight on any group of axles exceeds the weights permitted  
 7.10 under sections 169.822 to 169.829 with any or all of the interior axles disregarded, and  
 7.11 with an exterior axle disregarded if the exterior axle is a variable load axle that is not  
 7.12 carrying its intended weight, and their gross weights subtracted from the gross weight of  
 7.13 all axles of the group under consideration.

7.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.824, is amended to read:

7.15 **169.824 GROSS WEIGHT SCHEDULE.**

7.16 Subdivision 1. **Table of axle weight limits.** (a) No vehicle or combination of  
 7.17 vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires shall be operated upon the highways of this state  
 7.18 where the total gross weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles of any vehicle  
 7.19 or combination of vehicles exceeds that given in the following table for the distance  
 7.20 between the centers of the first and last axles of any group of two or more consecutive  
 7.21 axles under consideration; unless otherwise noted, the distance between axles being  
 7.22 measured longitudinally to the nearest even foot, and when the measurement is a fraction  
 7.23 of exactly one-half foot the next largest whole number in feet shall be used, except that  
 7.24 when the distance between axles is more than three feet four inches and less than three  
 7.25 feet six inches the distance of four feet shall be used:

	Maximum gross weight in pounds on a group of		
	2	3	4
7.28 Distances in feet	consecutive axles	consecutive axles	consecutive axles
7.29 between centers	of a 2-axle vehicle	of a 3-axle vehicle	of a 4-axle vehicle
7.30 of foremost and	or of any vehicle	or of any vehicle	or any combination
7.31 rearmost axles of a	or combination of	or combination of	of vehicles having
7.32 group	vehicles having a	vehicles having a	a total of 4 or more
7.33	total of 2 or more	total of 3 or more	axles
7.34	axles	axles	
7.35 4	34,000		
7.36 5	34,000		
7.37 6	34,000		

8.1	7	34,000	37,000	
8.2	8	34,000	38,500	
8.3	8 plus	34,000	42,000	
8.4		(38,000)		
8.5	9	35,000	43,000	
8.6		(39,000)		
8.7	10	36,000	43,500	49,000
8.8		(40,000)		
8.9	11	36,000	44,500	49,500
8.10	12		45,000	50,000
8.11	13		46,000	51,000
8.12	14		46,500	51,500
8.13	15		47,500	52,000
8.14	16		48,000	53,000
8.15	17		49,000	53,500
8.16	18		49,500	54,000
8.17	19		50,500	55,000
8.18	20		51,000	55,500
8.19	21		52,000	56,000
8.20	22		52,500	57,000
8.21	23		53,500	57,500
8.22	24		54,000	58,000
8.23	25		(55,000)	59,000
8.24	26		(55,500)	59,500
8.25	27		(56,500)	60,000
8.26	28		(57,000)	61,000
8.27	29		(58,000)	61,500
8.28	30		(58,500)	62,000
8.29	31		(59,500)	63,000
8.30	32		(60,000)	63,500
8.31	33			64,000
8.32	34			65,000
8.33	35			65,500
8.34	36			66,000
8.35	37			67,000
8.36	38			67,500
8.37	39			68,000
8.38	40			69,000
8.39	41			69,500
8.40	42			70,000
8.41	43			71,000
8.42	44			71,500
8.43	45			72,000

9.1	46	72,500
9.2	47	(73,500)
9.3	48	(74,000)
9.4	49	(74,500)
9.5	50	(75,500)
9.6	51	(76,000)

9.7 The maximum gross weight on a group of three consecutive axles where the distance  
 9.8 between centers of foremost and rearmost axles is listed as seven feet or eight feet applies  
 9.9 only to vehicles manufactured before August 1, 1991.

9.10 "8 plus" refers to any distance greater than eight feet but less than nine feet.

9.11 Maximum gross weight in pounds on a group of					
9.12		5	6	7	8
9.13	Distances in feet between centers of foremost and rearmost axles of a group	consecutive	consecutive	consecutive	<u>consecutive</u>
9.14		axles of a 5-axle	axles of a	axles of a	<u>axles of a</u>
9.15		vehicle or any	combination of	combination of	<u>combination of</u>
9.16		combination of	vehicles having	vehicles having	<u>vehicles having</u>
9.17		vehicles having	a total of 6 or	a total of 7 or	<u>a total of 8 or</u>
9.18	a total of 5 or	more axles	more axles	<u>more axles</u>	
9.19	more axles				
9.20	14	57,000			
9.21	15	57,500			
9.22	16	58,000			
9.23	17	59,000			
9.24	18	59,500			
9.25	19	60,000			
9.26	20	60,500	66,000	72,000	
9.27	21	61,500	67,000	72,500	
9.28	22	62,000	67,500	73,000	
9.29	23	62,500	68,000	73,500	
9.30	24	63,000	68,500	74,000	
9.31	25	64,000	69,000	75,000	
9.32	26	64,500	70,000	75,500	
9.33	27	65,000	70,500	76,000	
9.34	28	65,500	71,000	76,500	
9.35	29	66,500	71,500	77,000	
9.36	30	67,000	72,000	77,500	
9.37	31	67,500	73,000	78,500	
9.38	32	68,000	73,500	79,000	
9.39	33	69,000	74,000	79,500	
9.40	34	69,500	74,500	80,000	
9.41	35	70,000	75,000	[80,500]	
9.42	36	70,500	76,000	[81,000]	
9.43	37	71,500	76,500	[81,500]	

10.1	38	72,000	77,000	[82,000]	
10.2	39	72,500	77,500	[82,500]	
10.3	40	73,000	78,000	[83,500]	
10.4	41	(74,000)	79,000	[84,000]	
10.5	42	(74,500)	79,500	[84,500]	[90,000]
10.6	43	(75,000)	80,000	[85,000]	[90,500]
10.7	44	(75,500)	[80,500]	[85,500]	[91,000]
10.8	45	(76,500)	[81,000]	[86,000]	[91,500]
10.9	46	(77,000)	[81,500]	[87,000]	[92,500]
10.10	47	(77,500)	[82,000]	[87,500]	[93,000]
10.11	48	(78,000)	[83,000]	[88,000]	[93,500]
10.12	49	(79,000)	[83,500]	[88,500]	[94,000]
10.13	50	(79,500)	[84,000]	[89,000]	[94,500]
10.14	51	(80,000)	[84,500]	[89,500]	[95,000]
10.15	<u>52</u>		[85,000]	[90,500]	[95,500]
10.16	<u>53</u>		[86,000]	[91,000]	[96,500]
10.17	<u>54</u>		[86,500]	[91,500]	[97,000]
10.18	<u>55</u>		[87,000]	[92,000]	[97,500]
10.19	<u>56</u>		[87,500]	[92,500]	[98,000]
10.20	<u>57</u>		[88,000]	[93,000]	[98,500]
10.21	<u>58</u>		[89,000]	[94,000]	[99,000]
10.22	<u>59</u>		[89,500]	[94,500]	[99,500]
10.23	<u>60</u>		[90,000]	[95,000]	[100,500]
10.24	<u>61</u>			[95,500]	[101,000]
10.25	<u>62</u>			[96,000]	[101,500]
10.26	<u>63</u>			[97,000]	[102,000]
10.27	<u>64</u>				[102,500]
10.28	<u>65</u>				[103,000]
10.29	<u>66</u>				[103,500]
10.30	<u>67</u>				[104,500]
10.31	<u>68</u>				[105,000]
10.32	<u>69</u>				[105,500]
10.33	<u>70</u>				[106,000]
10.34	<u>71</u>				[106,500]
10.35	<u>72</u>				[107,000]
10.36	<u>73</u>				[107,500]
10.37	<u>74</u>				[108,000]

10.38 The gross weights shown in parentheses in this table are permitted only on state trunk  
10.39 highways and routes designated under section 169.832, subdivision 11-, and on routes  
10.40 designated as having a maximum weight limit of nine tons per axle. The gross weights  
10.41 shown in brackets in this table apply only to combinations of vehicles for which a permit  
10.42 has been issued under section 169.8261, 169.863, 169.864, or 169.865.

11.1 (b) Notwithstanding any lesser weight in pounds shown in this table but subject to  
 11.2 the restrictions on gross vehicle weights in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), two consecutive  
 11.3 sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of 34,000 pounds each and a combined gross  
 11.4 load of 68,000 pounds provided the overall distance between the first and last axles of  
 11.5 the consecutive sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

11.6 Subd. 2. **Gross vehicle weight of all axles.** ~~(a)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions  
 11.7 of section 169.85, the gross vehicle weight of all axles of a vehicle or combination of  
 11.8 vehicles ~~shall~~ must not exceed:

11.9 (1) 80,000 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles on all state trunk  
 11.10 highways as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 29, and for all routes designated ~~under~~  
 11.11 ~~section 169.832, subdivision 11~~ as having a maximum weight limit of nine tons per axle;

11.12 (2) 88,000 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles with six or more  
 11.13 axles while exclusively engaged in hauling livestock on all state trunk highways other  
 11.14 than interstate highways, if the vehicle has a permit under section 169.86, subdivision  
 11.15 5, paragraph (k); or

11.16 (3) 73,280 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles with five axles or less  
 11.17 on all routes, other than state trunk highways and routes that are designated under section  
 11.18 169.832, subdivision 11, ~~except that a vehicle needing reasonable access to a terminal or~~  
 11.19 ~~facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest, located within three miles of a ten-ton route, may~~  
 11.20 ~~not exceed 80,000 pounds. "Terminal" means any location where freight either originates,~~  
 11.21 ~~terminates, or is handled in the transportation process, or where commercial motor carriers~~  
 11.22 ~~maintain operating facilities; and~~ on routes designated as having a maximum weight  
 11.23 limit of nine tons per axle.

11.24 ~~(4) 80,000 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles with six or more~~  
 11.25 ~~axles on all routes, other than state trunk highways and routes that are designated under~~  
 11.26 ~~section 169.832, subdivision 11.~~

11.27 ~~(b) The maximum weights specified in this section for five consecutive axles shall~~  
 11.28 ~~not apply to a four-axle ready-mix concrete truck which was equipped with a fifth axle~~  
 11.29 ~~prior to June 1, 1981. The maximum gross weight on four or fewer consecutive axles of~~  
 11.30 ~~vehicles excepted by this clause shall not exceed any maximum weight specified for four~~  
 11.31 ~~or fewer consecutive axles in this section.~~

11.32 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.826, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

11.33 Subd. 1a. **Harvest season increase amount.** The limitations provided in sections  
 11.34 169.822 to 169.829 are increased by ten percent from ~~the beginning of harvest to~~ July 1  
 11.35 through November 30 each year for the movement of ~~sugar beets, carrots, and potatoes~~

12.1 agricultural crops from the field of harvest to the point of the first unloading. Transfer  
 12.2 of the product from a farm vehicle or small farm trailer, within the meaning of chapter  
 12.3 168, to another vehicle is not considered to be the first unloading. The commissioner shall  
 12.4 not ~~issue permits~~ take any action under this subdivision if to do so will result in a loss  
 12.5 of federal highway funding to the state.

12.6 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.8261, is amended to read:

12.7 **169.8261 GROSS WEIGHT LIMITATIONS; FOREST PRODUCTS.**

12.8 (a) A vehicle or combination of vehicles hauling raw or unfinished forest products,  
 12.9 including wood chips, by the most direct route to the nearest highway that has been  
 12.10 designated under section 169.832, subdivision 11, may be operated on any highway  
 12.11 with gross weights permitted under sections 169.822 to 169.829 without regard to load  
 12.12 restrictions imposed on that highway, except that the vehicles must:

12.13 (1) comply with seasonal load restrictions in effect between the dates set by the  
 12.14 commissioner under section 169.87, subdivision 2;

12.15 (2) comply with bridge load limits posted under section 169.84;

12.16 (3) be equipped and operated with six axles and brakes on all wheels;

12.17 (4) not exceed 90,000 pounds gross weight, or ~~98,000~~ 99,000 pounds gross weight  
 12.18 during the time when seasonal increases are authorized under section 169.826;

12.19 (5) not be operated on interstate and defense highways;

12.20 (6) obtain an annual permit from the commissioner of transportation;

12.21 (7) obey all road postings; and

12.22 (8) not exceed 20,000 pounds gross weight on any single axle.

12.23 (b) A vehicle operated under this section may exceed the legal axle weight limits  
 12.24 listed in section 169.824 by not more than 12.5 percent; except that, the weight limits may  
 12.25 be exceeded by not more than 22.5 percent during the time when seasonal increases are  
 12.26 authorized under section 169.826, subdivision 1.

12.27 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.827, is amended to read:

12.28 **169.827 GROSS WEIGHT REDUCTION ON RESTRICTED ROUTE.**

12.29 The maximum weight on any single axle, two or three consecutive axles spaced  
 12.30 within eight feet or less, three consecutive axles spaced ~~within~~ between eight and nine feet  
 12.31 ~~or less~~, or four consecutive axles spaced within 14 feet or less shall not exceed 18,000  
 12.32 pounds, 34,000 pounds, 43,000 pounds, or 51,500 pounds respectively multiplied by a  
 12.33 factor of the axle weight in tons allowed on the restricted route divided by nine. ~~No A~~  
 12.34 combination of axle weights shall must not exceed those weights specified in ~~Minnesota~~

13.1 ~~Statutes 1981 Supplement, section 169.825, subdivision 10~~ section 169.824, subdivision  
 13.2 1, for nondesignated routes.

13.3 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.828, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

13.4 Subd. 2. **Variable load axle.** A vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped  
 13.5 with one or more variable load axles ~~shall~~ must have the pressure control preset so that  
 13.6 the weight carried on the variable load axle may not be varied by the operator during  
 13.7 transport of any load. The actuating control for the axle ~~shall~~ must function only as an  
 13.8 on-and-off switch and must be located outside the passenger compartment of the vehicle.  
 13.9 The provisions of this subdivision do not apply to any farm truck registered prior to  
 13.10 July 1, 1981, under section 168.013, subdivision 1c, for 57,000 pounds or less. This  
 13.11 subdivision does not apply to rear-loading refuse-compactor vehicles, except that any  
 13.12 refuse-compactor vehicle having a tridem rear axle must comply with this subdivision  
 13.13 before being issued a special permit under section 169.86, subdivision 5, paragraph (h).

13.14 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.85, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

13.15 Subdivision 1. **Driver to stop for weighing.** (a) The driver of a vehicle that has  
 13.16 been lawfully stopped may be required by an officer to submit the vehicle and load to a  
 13.17 weighing by means of portable or stationary scales.

13.18 (b) In addition, the officer may require that the vehicle be driven to the nearest  
 13.19 available scales, but only if:

13.20 (1) the distance to the scales is no ~~further~~ farther than five miles, or if the distance  
 13.21 from the point where the vehicle is stopped to the vehicle's destination is not increased by  
 13.22 more than ten miles as a result of proceeding to the nearest available scales; and

13.23 (2) if the vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, no more than two other commercial  
 13.24 motor vehicles are waiting to be inspected at the scale.

13.25 (c) Official traffic control devices as authorized by section 169.06 may be used to  
 13.26 direct the driver to the nearest scale.

13.27 (d) When a truck weight enforcement operation is conducted by means of portable or  
 13.28 stationary scales, signs giving notice of the operation must be posted within the highway  
 13.29 right-of-way and adjacent to the roadway within two miles of the operation. The driver of  
 13.30 a truck or combination of vehicles ~~registered for or weighing with a gross vehicle weight~~  
 13.31 in excess of 12,000 10,000 pounds shall proceed to the scale site and submit the vehicle to  
 13.32 weighing and inspection.

13.33 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.86, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

14.1 Subdivision 1. **Permit authorities; restrictions.** (a) The commissioner, with respect  
14.2 to highways under the commissioner's jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to  
14.3 highways under their jurisdiction, may, in their discretion, upon application in writing  
14.4 and good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit, in writing, authorizing the  
14.5 applicant to move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or  
14.6 load exceeding the maximum specified in this chapter, or otherwise not in conformity  
14.7 with the provisions of this chapter, upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the party  
14.8 granting ~~such the~~ permit and for the maintenance of which ~~such the~~ party is responsible.

14.9 (b) Permits relating to over-width, over-length manufactured homes ~~shall~~ must  
14.10 not be issued to persons other than manufactured home dealers or manufacturers for  
14.11 movement of new units owned by the manufactured home dealer or manufacturer, until  
14.12 the person has presented a statement from the county auditor and treasurer where the  
14.13 unit is presently located, stating that all personal and real property taxes have been paid.  
14.14 Upon payment of the most recent single year delinquent personal property or current year  
14.15 taxes only, the county auditor or treasurer ~~must~~ shall issue a taxes paid statement to a  
14.16 manufactured home dealer or a financial institution desiring to relocate a manufactured  
14.17 home that has been repossessed. This statement must be dated within 30 days of the  
14.18 contemplated move. ~~The statement from the county auditor and treasurer where the unit is~~  
14.19 ~~presently located, stating that all personal and real property taxes have been paid, may be~~  
14.20 ~~made by telephone. If the statement is obtained by telephone, the permit shall contain the~~  
14.21 ~~date and time of the telephone call and the names of the persons in the auditor's office and~~  
14.22 ~~treasurer's office who verified that all personal and real property taxes had been paid.~~

14.23 (c) The commissioner may not grant a permit authorizing the movement, in a  
14.24 three-vehicle combination, of a semitrailer or trailer that exceeds 28-1/2 feet, except that  
14.25 the commissioner (1) may renew a permit that was granted before April 16, 1984, for the  
14.26 movement of a semitrailer or trailer that exceeds the length limitation in section 169.81,  
14.27 subdivision 2, or (2) may grant a permit authorizing the transportation of empty trailers  
14.28 that exceed 28-1/2 feet when using a B-train hitching mechanism as defined in Code of  
14.29 Federal Regulations, title 23, section 658.5, paragraph (o), from a point of manufacture in  
14.30 the state to the state border.

14.31 (d) The state as to state trunk highways, a statutory or home rule charter city as  
14.32 to streets in the city, or a town as to roads in the town, may issue permits authorizing  
14.33 the transportation of combinations of vehicles exceeding the limitations in section  
14.34 169.81, subdivisions 2a and 3, over highways, streets, or roads within its boundaries.  
14.35 Combinations of vehicles authorized by this paragraph may be restricted as to the use  
14.36 of state trunk highways by the commissioner, to the use of streets by the city road

15.1 authority, and to the use of roads by the town road authority. Nothing in this paragraph  
 15.2 or section 169.81, subdivisions 2a and 3, alters or changes the authority vested in local  
 15.3 authorities under section 169.04.

15.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.86, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

15.5 Subd. 1a. **Seasonal permits for certain haulers.** The commissioner of  
 15.6 transportation, upon application in writing therefor, may issue special permits annually  
 15.7 to any hauler authorizing the hauler to move vehicles or combinations of vehicles with  
 15.8 weights exceeding by not more than ten percent the weight limitations contained in  
 15.9 sections 169.822 to 169.829, on interstate highways during the times and within the zones  
 15.10 specified in sections 169.822 to 169.829. Movements of vehicles and combinations on  
 15.11 interstate highways authorized under this subdivision may only be made during the  
 15.12 winter weight increase period prescribed by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
 15.13 subdivision 1.

15.14 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.86, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

15.15 Subd. 5. **Fee; proceeds deposited; appropriation.** The commissioner, with  
 15.16 respect to highways under the commissioner's jurisdiction, may charge a fee for each  
 15.17 permit issued. ~~All such~~ These permit fees for permits issued by the commissioner of  
 15.18 ~~transportation shall~~ must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the trunk  
 15.19 highway fund. Except for those annual permits for which the permit fees are specified  
 15.20 elsewhere in this chapter, the fees ~~shall be~~ are:

15.21 (a) \$15 for each single trip permit.

15.22 (b) \$36 for each job permit. A job permit may be issued for like loads carried on  
 15.23 a specific route for a period not to exceed two months. "Like loads" means loads of the  
 15.24 same product, weight, and dimension.

15.25 (c) \$60 for an annual permit to be issued for a period not to exceed 12 consecutive  
 15.26 months. Annual permits may be issued for:

15.27 (1) motor vehicles used to alleviate a temporary crisis adversely affecting the safety  
 15.28 or well-being of the public;

15.29 (2) motor vehicles ~~which~~ that travel on interstate highways and carry loads  
 15.30 authorized under subdivision 1a;

15.31 (3) ~~motor vehicles operating with gross weights authorized under section 169.826;~~  
 15.32 ~~subdivision 1a;~~

15.33 (4) special pulpwood vehicles described in section 169.863;

15.34 (5) (4) motor vehicles bearing snowplow blades not exceeding ten feet in width; and

16.1 ~~(6)~~ (5) noncommercial transportation of a boat by the owner or user of the boat.

16.2 (d) \$120 for an oversize annual permit to be issued for a period not to exceed 12  
16.3 consecutive months. Annual permits may be issued for:

16.4 (1) mobile cranes;

16.5 (2) construction equipment, machinery, and supplies;

16.6 (3) manufactured homes and manufactured storage buildings;

16.7 (4) implements of husbandry when the movement is not made according to the  
16.8 provisions of paragraph (i);

16.9 (5) ~~double-deck buses;~~

16.10 ~~(6)~~ commercial boat hauling; and

16.11 ~~(7)~~ (6) three-vehicle combinations consisting of two empty, newly manufactured  
16.12 trailers for cargo, horses, or livestock, not to exceed 28-1/2 feet per trailer; provided,  
16.13 however, the permit allows the vehicles to be moved from a trailer manufacturer to a  
16.14 trailer dealer only while operating on twin-trailer routes designated under section 169.81,  
16.15 subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

16.16 (e) For vehicles ~~which~~ that have axle weights exceeding the weight limitations of  
16.17 sections 169.822 to 169.829, an additional cost added to the fees listed above. However,  
16.18 this paragraph applies to any vehicle described in section 168.013, subdivision 3,  
16.19 paragraph (b), but only when the vehicle exceeds its gross weight allowance set forth in  
16.20 that paragraph, and then the additional cost is for all weight, including the allowance  
16.21 weight, in excess of the permitted maximum axle weight. The additional cost is equal  
16.22 to the product of the distance traveled times the sum of the overweight axle group cost  
16.23 factors shown in the following chart:

16.24 Overweight Axle Group Cost Factors

16.25 Weight	16.26 Cost Per Mile For Each Group Of:		
16.27 (pounds)	16.28		
16.29 exceeding	16.29 Three		
16.30 weight	16.30 consecutive axles		
16.31 limitations on	16.31 <u>Two or more</u>	16.31 <u>spaced within</u>	16.31 Four consecutive
16.32 axles	16.32 <u>consecutive axles</u>	16.32 <u>spaced within 8</u>	16.32 <u>axles spaced</u>
	16.33 <u>feet or less</u>	16.33 <u>less than 9 feet</u>	16.33 <u>within 14 feet</u>
	16.34 <u>or less</u>	16.34 <u>or less</u>	16.34 <u>or less</u>
16.35 0-2,000	16.35 .12	16.35 .05	16.35 .04
16.36 2,001-4,000	16.36 .14	16.36 .06	16.36 .05
16.37 4,001-6,000	16.37 .18	16.37 .07	16.37 .06
16.38 6,001-8,000	16.38 .21	16.38 .09	16.38 .07
16.39 8,001-10,000	16.39 .26	16.39 .10	16.39 .08
16.40 10,001-12,000	16.40 .30	16.40 .12	16.40 .09
16.41 12,001-14,000	16.41 Not permitted	16.41 .14	16.41 .11
16.42 14,001-16,000	16.42 Not permitted	16.42 .17	16.42 .12

17.1	16,001-18,000	Not permitted	.19	.15
17.2	18,001-20,000	Not permitted	Not permitted	.16
17.3	20,001-22,000	Not permitted	Not permitted	.20

17.4 The amounts added are rounded to the nearest cent for each axle or axle group. The  
 17.5 additional cost does not apply to paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (3).

17.6 For a vehicle found to exceed the appropriate maximum permitted weight, a cost-per-mile  
 17.7 fee of 22 cents per ton, or fraction of a ton, over the permitted maximum weight is imposed  
 17.8 in addition to the normal permit fee. Miles must be calculated based on the distance  
 17.9 already traveled in the state plus the distance from the point of detection to a transportation  
 17.10 loading site or unloading site within the state or to the point of exit from the state.

17.11 (f) As an alternative to paragraph (e), an annual permit may be issued for overweight,  
 17.12 or oversize and overweight, construction equipment, machinery, and supplies. The fees  
 17.13 for the permit are as follows:

17.14	Gross Weight (pounds) of Vehicle	Annual Permit Fee
17.15	90,000 or less	\$200
17.16	90,001 - 100,000	\$300
17.17	100,001 - 110,000	\$400
17.18	110,001 - 120,000	\$500
17.19	120,001 - 130,000	\$600
17.20	130,001 - 140,000	\$700
17.21	140,001 - 145,000	\$800

17.22 If the gross weight of the vehicle is more than 145,000 pounds, the permit fee is  
 17.23 determined under paragraph (e).

17.24 (g) For vehicles ~~which~~ that exceed the width limitations set forth in section 169.80  
 17.25 by more than 72 inches, an additional cost equal to \$120 added to the amount in paragraph  
 17.26 (a) when the permit is issued while seasonal load restrictions pursuant to section 169.87  
 17.27 are in effect.

17.28 (h) \$85 for an annual permit to be issued for a period not to exceed 12 months, for  
 17.29 refuse-compactor vehicles that carry a gross weight of not more than: 22,000 pounds on  
 17.30 a single rear axle; 38,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle; or, subject to section 169.828,  
 17.31 subdivision 2, 46,000 pounds on a tridem rear axle. A permit issued for up to 46,000  
 17.32 pounds on a tridem rear axle must limit the gross vehicle weight to not more than 62,000  
 17.33 pounds.

17.34 (i) For vehicles exclusively transporting implements of husbandry, an annual permit  
 17.35 fee of \$24. A vehicle operated under a permit authorized by this paragraph may be moved  
 17.36 at the discretion of the permit holder without prior route approval by the commissioner if:

- 18.1 (1) the total width of the transporting vehicle, including load, does not exceed 14 feet;
- 18.2 (2) the vehicle is operated only between sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset, and is
- 18.3 not operated at any time after 12:00 noon on Sundays or holidays;
- 18.4 (3) the vehicle is not operated when visibility is impaired by weather, fog, or other
- 18.5 conditions that render persons and other vehicles not clearly visible at 500 feet;
- 18.6 (4) the vehicle displays at the front and rear of the load or vehicle a pair of flashing
- 18.7 amber lights, as provided in section 169.59, subdivision 4, whenever the overall width of
- 18.8 the vehicle exceeds 126 inches; and
- 18.9 (5) the vehicle is not operated on a trunk highway with a surfaced roadway width of
- 18.10 less than 24 feet unless such operation is authorized by the permit.

18.11 A permit under this paragraph authorizes movements of the permitted vehicle on an

18.12 interstate highway, and movements of 75 miles or more on other highways.

18.13 (j) \$300 for a motor vehicle described in section 169.8261. The fee under this

18.14 paragraph must be deposited as follows:

18.15 (1) in fiscal years 2005 through 2010:

18.16 (i) the first \$50,000 in each fiscal year must be deposited in the trunk highway fund

18.17 for costs related to administering the permit program and inspecting and posting bridges;

18.18 (ii) all remaining money in each fiscal year must be deposited in a bridge inspection

18.19 and signing account in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated

18.20 to the commissioner for:

18.21 (A) inspection of local bridges and identification of local bridges to be posted,

18.22 including contracting with a consultant for some or all of these functions; and

18.23 (B) erection of weight-posting signs on local bridges; and

18.24 (2) in fiscal year 2011 and subsequent years must be deposited in the trunk highway

18.25 fund.

18.26 (k) Beginning August 1, 2006, ~~\$200~~ \$300 for an annual permit for a vehicle

18.27 operating under authority of section 169.824, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (2).

18.28 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.862, is amended to read:

18.29 **169.862 PERMIT FOR WIDE LOAD OF BALED AGRICULTURAL**

18.30 **PRODUCT.**

18.31 Subdivision 1. **Annual permit authority; restrictions.** ~~(a)~~ The commissioner of

18.32 transportation with respect to highways under the commissioner's jurisdiction, and local

18.33 authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may issue an annual permit

18.34 to enable a vehicle carrying ~~round~~ bales of hay, straw, or cornstalks, with a total outside

19.1 width of the vehicle or the load not exceeding ~~11-1/2~~ 12 feet, and a total height of the  
 19.2 loaded vehicle not exceeding 15 feet, to be operated on public streets and highways.

19.3 ~~(b) The commissioner of transportation and local authorities may issue an annual~~  
 19.4 ~~permit to enable a vehicle, having a maximum width of 102 inches, carrying a first haul~~  
 19.5 ~~of square bales of straw, each bale having a minimum size of four feet by four feet by~~  
 19.6 ~~eight feet, with a total outside width of the load not exceeding 12 feet, to be operated on~~  
 19.7 ~~public streets and highways between August 1 and March 1 within 35 miles of the border~~  
 19.8 ~~between this state and the state of North Dakota.~~

19.9 ~~(c) The commissioner of transportation and local authorities may issue an annual~~  
 19.10 ~~permit to enable a vehicle carrying square bales of hay, each with an outside dimension of~~  
 19.11 ~~not less than three feet by four feet by seven feet, with a total height of the loaded vehicle~~  
 19.12 ~~not exceeding 15 feet, to be operated on those public streets and highways designated~~  
 19.13 ~~in the permit.~~

19.14 Subd. 2. **Additional restrictions.** Permits issued under this section are governed by  
 19.15 the applicable provisions of section 169.86 except as otherwise provided herein and, in  
 19.16 addition, carry the following restrictions:

19.17 (a) The vehicles may not be operated between sunset and sunrise, when visibility is  
 19.18 impaired by weather, fog, or other conditions rendering persons and vehicles not clearly  
 19.19 visible at a distance of 500 feet, or on Sunday from noon until sunset, or on the days the  
 19.20 following holidays are observed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,  
 19.21 Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

19.22 (b) The vehicles may not be operated on interstate highways.

19.23 (c) The vehicles may not be operated on a trunk highway with a pavement less  
 19.24 than 24 feet wide.

19.25 (d) A vehicle operated under the permit must be equipped with a retractable or  
 19.26 removable mirror on the left side so located that it will reflect to the driver a clear view of  
 19.27 the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

19.28 (e) A vehicle operated under the permit must display red, orange, or yellow flags, 18  
 19.29 inches square, as markers at the front and rear and on both sides of the load. The load  
 19.30 must be securely bound to the transporting vehicle.

19.31 (f) Farm vehicles not for hire carrying round baled hay less than 20 miles are exempt  
 19.32 from the requirement to obtain a permit. All other requirements of this section apply  
 19.33 to vehicles transporting round baled hay.

19.34 The fee for the permit is ~~\$24~~ \$60.

19.35 Sec. 21. **[169.865] ANNUAL PERMITS FOR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES.**

20.1 Subdivision 1. **Six-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
20.2 authorizing a combination of vehicles with a total of six axles to be operated on trunk  
20.3 highways other than interstate highways, and on local roads designated under section  
20.4 169.832, subdivision 11, with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding:

20.5 (1) 90,000 pounds; or

20.6 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
20.7 subdivision 1.

20.8 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a combination of vehicles operated with a  
20.9 permit issued under this subdivision and transporting only sealed intermodal containers  
20.10 may be operated on an interstate highway if allowed by the United States Department  
20.11 of Transportation.

20.12 (c) Sections 168.013, subdivision 3, paragraphs (b) and (d), clause (3), and 169.851,  
20.13 subdivision 5, do not apply to a combination of vehicles operated under a permit issued  
20.14 under this subdivision.

20.15 (d) The fee for a permit under this subdivision is \$300.

20.16 Subd. 2. **Seven-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
20.17 authorizing a combination of vehicles with a total of seven axles to be operated on trunk  
20.18 highways other than interstate highways, and on local roads designated under section  
20.19 169.832, subdivision 11, with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding:

20.20 (1) 97,000 pounds; or

20.21 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
20.22 subdivision 1.

20.23 (b) Drivers of vehicles operating under a permit issued under this subdivision  
20.24 shall comply with driver qualification requirements adopted under section 221.0314,  
20.25 subdivisions 2, 3, 3a, 3b, 4, and 5.

20.26 (c) Sections 168.013, subdivision 3, paragraphs (b) and (d), clause (3), and 169.851,  
20.27 subdivision 5, do not apply to a combination of vehicles operated under a permit issued  
20.28 under this subdivision.

20.29 (d) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$600.

20.30 Subd. 3. **Eight-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
20.31 authorizing a combination of vehicles with a total of eight axles to be operated on (1)  
20.32 highways identified under section 169.81, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), and (2) highways  
20.33 on the national truck network designated under Code of Federal Regulations, title 23,  
20.34 part 658, with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 108,000 pounds; provided, that  
20.35 such a vehicle may not be operated on interstate highways and that no semitrailer in the  
20.36 combination has a length in excess of 28-1/2 feet.

21.1 (b) A combination of vehicles operating under this subdivision may be operated  
21.2 on streets or highways under the control of local authorities only upon the approval of  
21.3 local authorities.

21.4 (c) Local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, and the  
21.5 commissioner of transportation, with respect to highways under the commissioner's  
21.6 jurisdiction, may restrict the highways on which the permitted combination may  
21.7 be operated. A combination of vehicles operating under a permit issued under this  
21.8 subdivision may not be operated on any highway not specified in the permit; except that  
21.9 the permitted combination may be operated on another highway, with the approval of the  
21.10 road authority having jurisdiction over that other highway, for up to one mile in order to  
21.11 have reasonable access to terminals and facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest and  
21.12 to maintain continuity of route.

21.13 (d) Drivers of vehicles operating under a permit issued under this subdivision  
21.14 shall comply with driver qualifications adopted under section 221.0314, subdivisions 2,  
21.15 3, 3a, 3b, 4, and 5, and hours of service requirements adopted under section 221.0314,  
21.16 subdivisions 9 and 9a.

21.17 (e) A vehicle operating under a permit issued under this subdivision may not be  
21.18 registered under section 168.018.

21.19 (f) Modifications of vehicles operating under a permit issued under this subdivision,  
21.20 and any other twin semitrailers operating with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding  
21.21 108,000 pounds, must comply with federal motor vehicle safety standards.

21.22 (g) The trailers in a combination operating under a permit issued under this  
21.23 subdivision must be connected by a B-train assembly as defined in Code of Federal  
21.24 Regulations, title 49, part 658.5.

21.25 (h) Section 169.81, subdivision 2, paragraph (e), applies to this subdivision.

21.26 (i) Section 168.013, subdivision 3, paragraphs (b) and (d), clause (3), do not apply to  
21.27 a combination of vehicles operated under a permit issued under this subdivision.

21.28 (j) Section 169.826 does not apply to vehicles or combinations operated under a  
21.29 permit issued under this subdivision.

21.30 (k) The fee for a permit under this subdivision is \$850.

21.31 Subd. 4. **Permits; requirements, restrictions.** (a) Vehicles and combinations  
21.32 operating under permits issued under this section:

21.33 (1) must have a permit from each road authority having jurisdiction over a street  
21.34 or highway on which the vehicle is operated, if required;

21.35 (2) are subject to gross vehicle and axle weight limitations in section 169.824;

21.36 (3) are subject to seasonal load restrictions imposed under section 169.87; and

22.1 (4) must have brakes on all wheels.

22.2 (b) Revenue from the permits obtained under this section must be deposited:

22.3 (1) in fiscal years 2008 through 2012 in a bridge inspection and signing account in  
22.4 the special revenue fund, and is appropriated to the commissioner for:

22.5 (i) inspection of local bridges and identification of local bridges to be posted,  
22.6 including contracting with a consultant for some or all of these functions; and

22.7 (ii) erection of weight posting signs on local bridges; and

22.8 (2) in fiscal year 2013 and subsequent years, in the trunk highway fund.

22.9 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.87, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

22.10 Subd. 2. **Seasonal load restriction.** Except for portland cement concrete roads,  
22.11 between the dates set by the commissioner of transportation each year, the weight on  
22.12 any single axle shall not exceed ~~five~~ seven tons on a paved county highway, or five tons  
22.13 on a town road, gravel road, or city street that has not been restricted as provided in  
22.14 subdivision 1. For purposes of this subdivision, the commissioner may set separate dates  
22.15 for bituminous and gravel roads. The gross weight on consecutive axles shall not exceed  
22.16 the gross weight allowed in sections 169.822 to 169.829 multiplied by a factor of five  
22.17 divided by nine. This reduction shall not apply to the gross vehicle weight.

22.18 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.87, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

22.19 Subd. 6. **Recycling and garbage vehicles.** ~~(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b),~~  
22.20 ~~weight restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to a vehicle that~~  
22.21 ~~does not exceed 20,000 pounds per single axle and is designed and used exclusively for~~  
22.22 ~~recycling, while engaged in recycling in a political subdivision that mandates curbside~~  
22.23 ~~recycling pickup.~~

22.24 ~~(b)~~ Weight restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to (1)  
22.25 a vehicle that does not exceed 14,000 pounds per single axle and is used exclusively  
22.26 for recycling ~~as described in paragraph (a),~~ while engaged in recycling in a political  
22.27 subdivision that mandates curbside recycling pickup, or (2) a vehicle that does not exceed  
22.28 14,000 pounds per single axle and is designed and used exclusively for collecting mixed  
22.29 municipal solid waste, as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 21, while engaged  
22.30 in such collection.

22.31 ~~(e)~~ (b) Notwithstanding section 169.80, subdivision 1, a violation of weight  
22.32 restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 by a vehicle designed and used exclusively  
22.33 for recycling while engaged in recycling in a political subdivision that mandates curbside  
22.34 recycling pickup while engaged in such collection, or by a vehicle that is designed and

23.1 used exclusively for collecting mixed municipal solid waste as defined in section 115A.03,  
23.2 subdivision 21, while engaged in such collection, is not subject to criminal penalties but is  
23.3 subject to a civil penalty for excess weight under section 169.871.

23.4 Sec. 24. **REPEALER.**

23.5 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.81, subdivisions 5, 5a, and 5b; and 169.863,  
23.6 are repealed.