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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; regulating gross vehicle weights and axle weights  
1.3 of vehicles and combinations of vehicles; amending allowable weight limits  
1.4 on certain routes; amending permit fees and requirements; authorizing permits  
1.5 for certain vehicles and combinations of vehicles; making technical changes;  
1.6 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.824, subdivisions 1, 2; 169.826,  
1.7 subdivisions 1a, 1b; 169.8261; 169.828, subdivision 2; 169.86, subdivisions 1a,  
1.8 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

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

1.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.824, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.11 Subdivision 1. ~~Table of Axle weight limits table.~~ (a) No vehicle or combination of  
1.12 vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires shall be operated upon the highways of this state  
1.13 where the total gross weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles of any vehicle  
1.14 or combination of vehicles exceeds that given in the following axle weight limits table for  
1.15 the distance between the centers of the first and last axles of any group of two or more  
1.16 consecutive axles under consideration; ~~;~~ Unless otherwise noted, the distance between  
1.17 axles ~~being~~ is measured longitudinally to the nearest even foot, and when the measurement  
1.18 is a fraction of exactly one-half foot the next largest whole number in feet shall be used,  
1.19 except that when the distance between axles is more than three feet four inches and less  
1.20 than three feet six inches the distance of four feet shall be used; ~~;~~

1.21 Axle Weight Limits Table

1.22 Maximum gross weight in pounds on a group of

1.23 2 3 4

	Distances in feet between centers of foremost and rearmost axles of a group	consecutive axles of a 2-axle vehicle or of any vehicle or combination of vehicles having a total of 2 or more axles	consecutive axles of a 3-axle vehicle or of any vehicle or combination of vehicles having a total of 3 or more axles	consecutive axles of a 4-axle vehicle or any combination of vehicles having a total of 4 or more axles
2.1				
2.2				
2.3				
2.4				
2.5				
2.6				
2.7				
2.8	4	34,000		
2.9	5	34,000		
2.10	6	34,000		
2.11	7	34,000	37,000	
2.12	8	34,000	38,500	
2.13	8 plus	34,000	42,000	
2.14		(38,000)		
2.15	9	35,000	43,000	
2.16		(39,000)		
2.17	10	36,000	43,500	49,000
2.18		(40,000)		
2.19	11	36,000	44,500	49,500
2.20	12		45,000	50,000
2.21	13		46,000	51,000
2.22	14		46,500	51,500
2.23	15		47,500	52,000
2.24	16		48,000	53,000
2.25	17		49,000	53,500
2.26	18		49,500	54,000
2.27	19		50,500	55,000
2.28	20		51,000	55,500
2.29	21		52,000	56,000
2.30	22		52,500	57,000
2.31	23		53,500	57,500
2.32	24		54,000	58,000
2.33	25		(55,000)	59,000
2.34	26		(55,500)	59,500
2.35	27		(56,500)	60,000
2.36	28		(57,000)	61,000
2.37	29		(58,000)	61,500
2.38	30		(58,500)	62,000
2.39	31		(59,500)	63,000
2.40	32		(60,000)	63,500
2.41	33			64,000
2.42	34			65,000
2.43	35			65,500
2.44	36			66,000
2.45	37			67,000

3.1	38	67,500
3.2	39	68,000
3.3	40	69,000
3.4	41	69,500
3.5	42	70,000
3.6	43	71,000
3.7	44	71,500
3.8	45	72,000
3.9	46	72,500
3.10	47	(73,500)
3.11	48	(74,000)
3.12	49	(74,500)
3.13	50	(75,500)
3.14	51	(76,000)

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

3.18 ~~"8 plus" refers to any distance greater than eight feet but less than nine feet.~~

3.19 Axle Weight Limits Table (continued)

3.20 Maximum gross weight in pounds on a group of

3.21		5	6	7	
3.22	Distances in feet between centers of foremost and rearmost axles of a group	consecutive axles	consecutive axles	consecutive axles	
3.23		of a 5-axle vehicle	of a combination of	of a combination of	
3.24		or any combination	vehicles having a	vehicles having a	
3.25		of vehicles having	total of 6 or more	total of 7 or more	
3.26		a total of 5 or more	axles	axles	
3.27		axles			
3.28		14	57,000		
3.29		15	57,500		
3.30		16	58,000		
3.31		17	59,000		
3.32	18	59,500			
3.33	19	60,000			
3.34	20	60,500	66,000	72,000	
3.35	21	61,500	67,000	72,500	
3.36	22	62,000	67,500	73,000	
3.37	23	62,500	68,000	73,500	
3.38	24	63,000	68,500	74,000	
3.39	25	64,000	69,000	75,000	
3.40	26	64,500	70,000	75,500	
3.41	27	65,000	70,500	76,000	
3.42	28	65,500	71,000	76,500	
3.43	29	66,500	71,500	77,000	

4.1	30	67,000	72,000	77,500
4.2	31	67,500	73,000	78,500
4.3	32	68,000	73,500	79,000
4.4	33	69,000	74,000	79,500
4.5	34	69,500	74,500	80,000
4.6	35	70,000	75,000	[80,500]
4.7	36	70,500	76,000	[81,000]
4.8	37	71,500	76,500	[81,500]
4.9	38	72,000	77,000	[82,000]
4.10	39	72,500	77,500	[82,500]
4.11	40	<del>73,000</del> 73,280	78,000	[83,500]
4.12	41	(74,000)	79,000	[84,000]
4.13	42	(74,500)	79,500	[84,500]
4.14	43	(75,000)	80,000	[85,000]
4.15	44	(75,500)	[80,500]	[85,500]
4.16	45	(76,500)	[81,000]	[86,000]
4.17	46	(77,000)	[81,500]	[87,000]
4.18	47	(77,500)	[82,000]	[87,500]
4.19	48	(78,000)	[83,000]	[88,000]
4.20	49	(79,000)	[83,500]	[88,500]
4.21	50	(79,500)	[84,000]	[89,000]
4.22	51	(80,000)	[84,500]	[89,500]
4.23	<u>52</u>		[85,000]	[90,500]
4.24	<u>53</u>		[86,000]	[91,000]
4.25	<u>54</u>		[86,500]	[91,500]
4.26	<u>55</u>		[87,000]	[92,000]
4.27	<u>56</u>		[87,500]	[92,500]
4.28	<u>57</u>		[88,000]	[93,000]
4.29	<u>58</u>		[89,000]	[94,000]
4.30	<u>59</u>		[89,500]	[94,500]
4.31	<u>60</u>		[90,000]	[95,000]
4.32	<u>61</u>			[95,500]
4.33	<u>62</u>			[96,000]
4.34	<u>63</u>			[97,000]

4.35 (b) The maximum gross weight on a group of three consecutive axles where the  
4.36 distance between centers of foremost and rearmost axles is listed as seven feet or eight  
4.37 feet applies only to vehicles manufactured before August 1, 1991. "8 plus" means any  
4.38 distance greater than eight feet but less than nine feet.

4.39 (c) The gross weights shown in parentheses in this the axle weight limits table  
4.40 are permitted only on state (i) trunk highways and, (ii) routes designated under section  
4.41 169.832, subdivision 11, and (iii) routes designated as having a maximum weight limit of  
4.42 at least nine tons per axle.

5.1 (d) The gross weights shown in brackets in the axle weight limits table are permitted  
 5.2 only for a vehicle or combination of vehicles for which a permit has been issued under  
 5.3 section 169.863 or 169.865.

5.4 ~~(b)~~ (e) Notwithstanding any lesser weight in pounds shown in ~~this~~ the axle weight  
 5.5 limits table but subject to the restrictions on gross vehicle weights in subdivision 2,  
 5.6 paragraph (a), two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of 34,000  
 5.7 pounds each and a combined gross load of 68,000 pounds provided the overall distance  
 5.8 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

5.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.824, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

5.13 (1) 80,000 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles on all ~~state~~ (i) trunk  
 5.14 highways as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 29, ~~and for all~~ (ii) routes designated  
 5.15 under section 169.832, subdivision 11, ~~and~~ (iii) routes designated as having a maximum  
 5.16 weight limit of at least nine tons per axle;

5.17 (2) 88,000 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles with six or more  
 5.18 axles while exclusively engaged in hauling livestock on all state trunk highways other  
 5.19 than interstate highways, if the vehicle has a permit under section 169.86, subdivision 5,  
 5.20 paragraph (k); and

5.21 (3) 73,280 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles with five axles or less  
 5.22 on all routes, other than ~~state trunk highways and routes that are designated under section~~  
 5.23 ~~169.832, subdivision 11, except that a vehicle needing reasonable access to a terminal or~~  
 5.24 ~~facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest, located within three miles of a ten-ton route, may~~  
 5.25 ~~not exceed 80,000 pounds. "Terminal" means any location where freight either originates,~~  
 5.26 ~~terminates, or is handled in the transportation process, or where commercial motor carriers~~  
 5.27 ~~maintain operating facilities; and~~ routes identified in clause (1).

5.28 ~~(4) 80,000 pounds for any vehicle or combination of vehicles with six or more~~  
 5.29 ~~axles on all routes, other than state trunk highways and routes that are designated under~~  
 5.30 ~~section 169.832, subdivision 11.~~

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

6.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.826, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

6.2 Subd. 1a. **Harvest season increase amount.** The limitations provided in sections  
 6.3 169.822 to 169.829 are increased by ten percent from ~~the beginning of harvest July 1~~ to  
 6.4 November 30 each year for the movement of ~~sugar beets, carrots, and potatoes~~ agricultural  
 6.5 crops from the field of harvest to the point of the first unloading. Transfer of the product  
 6.6 from a farm vehicle or small farm trailer, within the meaning of chapter 168, to another  
 6.7 vehicle is not considered to be the first unloading. The commissioner shall not ~~issue~~  
 6.8 ~~permits~~ take any action under this subdivision if to do so will result in a loss of federal  
 6.9 highway funding to the state.

6.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.826, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

6.11 Subd. 1b. **Nine-ton county roads.** Despite the provisions of subdivision 5 and  
 6.12 sections 169.824, subdivision 2, ~~paragraph (a)~~, clause (2), and 169.832, subdivision 11, a  
 6.13 vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight up to 88,000 pounds may  
 6.14 be operated on a nine-ton county road, consistent with the increases allowed for vehicles  
 6.15 operating on a ten-ton road, during the time when the increases under subdivision 1 are in  
 6.16 effect in that zone.

6.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.8261, is amended to read:

6.18 **169.8261 GROSS WEIGHT LIMITATIONS; FOREST PRODUCTS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6.32 (7) obey all road postings; and

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

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

7.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.828, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

7.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.86, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

7.17 Subd. 1a. **Seasonal permits for certain haulers.** The commissioner of  
7.18 transportation, upon application in writing therefor, may issue special permits annually  
7.19 to any hauler authorizing the hauler to move vehicles or combinations of vehicles with  
7.20 weights exceeding by not more than ten percent the weight limitations contained in  
7.21 sections 169.822 to 169.829, on interstate highways during the times and within the zones  
7.22 specified in sections 169.822 to 169.829 by the commissioner for winter weight increases  
7.23 under section 169.826, subdivision 1.

7.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.86, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

7.25 Subd. 5. **Fee; proceeds deposited; appropriation.** The commissioner, with respect  
7.26 to highways under the commissioner's jurisdiction, may charge a fee for each permit  
7.27 issued. All such fees for permits issued by the commissioner of transportation shall be  
7.28 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the trunk highway fund. Except for those  
7.29 annual permits for which the permit fees are specified elsewhere in this chapter, the fees  
7.30 shall be:

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

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

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

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

8.8 (2) motor vehicles which travel on interstate highways and carry loads authorized  
 8.9 under subdivision 1a;

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

8.12 ~~(4)~~ special pulpwood vehicles described in section 169.863;

8.13 ~~(5)~~ (4) motor vehicles bearing snowplow blades not exceeding ten feet in width; and

8.14 ~~(6)~~ (5) noncommercial transportation of a boat by the owner or user of the boat.

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

8.17 (1) mobile cranes;

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

8.19 (3) manufactured homes and manufactured storage buildings;

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

8.22 (5) double-deck buses;

8.23 (6) commercial boat hauling; and

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

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

9.1 Overweight Axle Group Cost Factors			
9.2 Weight	9.3 Cost Per Mile For Each Group Of:		
9.3 (pounds)			
9.4 exceeding	9.5 Three		
9.5 weight	9.6 consecutive		
9.6 limitations on	9.7 <u>Two or</u>	9.8 axles	
9.7 axles	9.9 <u>more</u>	9.10 spaced	
	9.11 consecutive	9.12 <del>within</del>	
	9.13 axles	9.14 <u>more than</u>	9.15 Four
	9.16 spaced	9.17 <u>8 feet but</u>	9.18 consecutive
	9.19 within 8	9.20 <u>less than</u>	9.21 axles spaced
	9.22 feet or	9.23 <u>9 feet or</u>	9.24 within 14
	9.25 less	9.26 <del>less</del>	9.27 feet or less
9.28 0-2,000	9.29 .12	9.30 .05	9.31 .04
9.32 2,001-4,000	9.33 .14	9.34 .06	9.35 .05
9.36 4,001-6,000	9.37 .18	9.38 .07	9.39 .06
9.42 6,001-8,000	9.43 .21	9.44 .09	9.45 .07
9.48 8,001-10,000	9.49 .26	9.50 .10	9.51 .08
9.54 10,001-12,000	9.55 .30	9.56 .12	9.57 .09
9.60 12,001-14,000	9.61 Not permitted	9.62 .14	9.63 .11
9.66 14,001-16,000	9.67 Not permitted	9.68 .17	9.69 .12
9.72 16,001-18,000	9.73 Not permitted	9.74 .19	9.75 .15
9.78 18,001-20,000	9.79 Not permitted	9.80 Not permitted	9.81 .16
9.84 20,001-22,000	9.85 Not permitted	9.86 Not permitted	9.87 .20

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

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

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

9.40	Gross Weight (pounds) of Vehicle	Annual Permit Fee
9.41	90,000 or less	\$200
9.42	90,001 - 100,000	\$300
9.43	100,001 - 110,000	\$400
9.44	110,001 - 120,000	\$500

10.1	120,001 - 130,000	\$600
10.2	130,001 - 140,000	\$700
10.3	140,001 - 145,000	\$800

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

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

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

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

10.19 (1) the total width of the transporting vehicle, including load, does not exceed 14 feet;

10.20 (2) the vehicle is operated only between sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset, and is  
10.21 not operated at any time after 12:00 noon on Sundays or holidays;

10.22 (3) the vehicle is not operated when visibility is impaired by weather, fog, or other  
10.23 conditions that render persons and other vehicles not clearly visible at 500 feet;

10.24 (4) the vehicle displays at the front and rear of the load or vehicle a pair of flashing  
10.25 amber lights, as provided in section 169.59, subdivision 4, whenever the overall width of  
10.26 the vehicle exceeds 126 inches; and

10.27 (5) the vehicle is not operated on a trunk highway with a surfaced roadway width of  
10.28 less than 24 feet unless such operation is authorized by the permit.

10.29 A permit under this paragraph authorizes movements of the permitted vehicle on an  
10.30 interstate highway, and movements of 75 miles or more on other highways.

10.31 (j) \$300 for a motor vehicle described in section 169.8261. The fee under this  
10.32 paragraph must be deposited as follows:

10.33 (1) in fiscal years 2005 through 2010:

10.34 (i) the first \$50,000 in each fiscal year must be deposited in the trunk highway fund  
10.35 for costs related to administering the permit program and inspecting and posting bridges;

11.1 (ii) all remaining money in each fiscal year must be deposited in a bridge inspection  
 11.2 and signing account in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated  
 11.3 to the commissioner for:

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

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

11.7 (2) in fiscal year 2011 and subsequent years must be deposited in the trunk highway  
 11.8 fund.

11.9 (k) ~~Beginning August 1, 2006, \$200~~ \$300 for an annual permit for a vehicle  
 11.10 operating under authority of section 169.824, subdivision 2, ~~paragraph (a)~~, clause (2).

11.11 **Sec. 9. [169.865] EXTENDED WEIGHT LIMIT PERMITS.**

11.12 Subdivision 1. **Six-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
 11.13 authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of six axles to be operated  
 11.14 with a gross vehicle weight of up to:

11.15 (1) 90,000 pounds; and

11.16 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
 11.17 subdivision 1.

11.18 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (3), a vehicle or  
 11.19 combination of vehicles operated under this subdivision and transporting only sealed  
 11.20 intermodal containers may be operated on an interstate highway if allowed by the United  
 11.21 States Department of Transportation.

11.22 (c) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$300.

11.23 Subd. 2. **Seven-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
 11.24 authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of seven axles to be operated  
 11.25 with a gross vehicle weight of up to:

11.26 (1) 97,000 pounds; and

11.27 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
 11.28 subdivision 1.

11.29 (b) Drivers of vehicles operating under this subdivision must comply with driver  
 11.30 qualification requirements adopted under section 221.0314, subdivisions 2 to 5.

11.31 (c) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$500.

11.32 Subd. 3. **Single-unit vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
 11.33 authorizing a single-unit vehicle with a total of seven axles up to 45 feet in length to be  
 11.34 operated with a gross vehicle weight of up to:

11.35 (1) 80,000 pounds; and

12.1 (2) 88,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
12.2 subdivisions 1 and 1a.

12.3 (b) Drivers of vehicles operating under this subdivision must comply with driver  
12.4 qualification requirements adopted under section 221.0314, subdivisions 2 to 5.

12.5 (c) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$300.

12.6 Subd. 4. **Requirements; restrictions.** (a) A vehicle or combination of vehicles  
12.7 operating under this section:

12.8 (1) is subject to axle weight limitations under section 169.824, subdivision 1;

12.9 (2) is subject to seasonal load restrictions under section 169.87;

12.10 (3) is subject to bridge load limits posted under section 169.84;

12.11 (4) may only be operated on trunk highways other than interstate highways, and on  
12.12 local roads designated under section 169.832, subdivision 11;

12.13 (5) may not be operated with loads that exceed the manufacturer's gross vehicle  
12.14 weight rating as affixed to the vehicle, or other certification of gross vehicle weight rating  
12.15 complying with Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, parts 567.4 to 567.7;

12.16 (6) must be issued a permit from each road authority having jurisdiction over a road  
12.17 on which the vehicle is operated, if required;

12.18 (7) must comply with the requirements of section 169.851, subdivision 4; and

12.19 (8) must have brakes on all wheels.

12.20 (b) The percentage allowances for exceeding gross weights if transporting unfinished  
12.21 forest products under section 168.013, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), or for the first haul of  
12.22 unprocessed or raw farm products or unfinished forest products under section 168.013,  
12.23 subdivision 3, paragraph (d), clause (3), do not apply to a vehicle or combination of  
12.24 vehicles operated under this section.

12.25 Subd. 5. **Deposit of revenues; appropriation.** (a) Revenue from the permits issued  
12.26 under this section must be deposited:

12.27 (1) in fiscal years 2007 through 2010, in the bridge inspection and signing account  
12.28 in the special revenue fund; and

12.29 (2) in fiscal year 2011 and subsequent years, in the trunk highway fund.

12.30 (b) The revenue in the bridge inspection and signing account under this section is  
12.31 annually appropriated to the commissioner for:

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

12.34 (2) erection of weight posting signs on local bridges.

12.35 Sec. 10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13.1 Sections 1 to 9 are effective July 1, 2007.