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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; modifying vehicle width and axle requirements for  
1.3 transporting manufactured home; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections  
1.4 169.80, subdivision 2; 169.828, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.80, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Outside Maximum width.** (a) The total outside width of a vehicle  
1.8 exclusive of rearview mirrors or load securement devices which are not an integral part  
1.9 of the vehicle and not exceeding three inches on each side, or the load may not exceed  
1.10 102 inches except that the outside width of a vehicle owned by a political subdivision  
1.11 and used exclusively for the purpose of handling sewage sludge from sewage treatment  
1.12 facilities to farm fields or disposal sites, may not exceed 12 feet, and except as otherwise  
1.13 provided in this section.

1.14 (b) A vehicle exceeding 102 inches in total outside width, owned by a political  
1.15 subdivision and used for the purpose of transporting or applying sewage sludge to farm  
1.16 fields or disposal sites may not transport sludge for distances greater than 15 miles, nor  
1.17 may it be used for transportation of sewage sludge or return travel between the hours of  
1.18 sunset and sunrise, or at any other time when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke,  
1.19 fog, or other conditions rendering persons and vehicles not clearly discernible on the  
1.20 highway at a distance of 500 feet.

1.21 (c) The total outside width of a low bed trailer or equipment dolly, and the load, used  
1.22 exclusively for transporting farm machinery and construction equipment may not exceed  
1.23 nine feet in width except that a low bed trailer or equipment dolly with a total outside  
1.24 width, including the load, in excess of 102 inches may not be operated on any interstate

2.1 highway without first having obtained a permit for the operation under section 169.86.  
2.2 The vehicle must display 12-inch square red flags as markers at the front and rear of  
2.3 the left side of the vehicle.

2.4 (d) The total outside width of a passenger motor bus, operated exclusively in a city  
2.5 or contiguous cities in this state, may not exceed nine feet.

2.6 (e) The maximum width limitation in paragraph (a) for a recreational vehicle  
2.7 as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 27, is exclusive of appurtenances on the  
2.8 recreational vehicle that do not extend beyond the width of the exterior rearview mirror  
2.9 of the recreational vehicle if the recreational vehicle is self-propelled, or the exterior  
2.10 rearview mirror of the towing vehicle if the recreational vehicle is towed.

2.11 (f) The maximum width of the axle of a vehicle transporting a manufactured home  
2.12 is 99.5 inches.

2.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.828, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.14 Subdivision 1. **Consecutive axle weight and number of axles.** (a) No vehicle alone  
2.15 nor any single vehicle of a combination of vehicles shall be equipped with more than four  
2.16 axles unless the additional axles are steering axles or castering axles; provided that:

2.17 (1) the limitation on the number of axles as provided in sections 169.822 to 169.829  
2.18 shall not apply to any vehicle operated under permit pursuant to section 169.86; and

2.19 (2) manufactured homes must be transported by a vehicle that is equipped with at  
2.20 least seven axles, whether or not operated under a permit pursuant to section 169.86.

2.21 (b) No vehicle alone nor any single vehicle of a combination of vehicles shall exceed  
2.22 the posted weight limit for a single vehicle.