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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; modifying load securement requirements; permitting
1.3 certain release of water when transporting sugar beets; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2016, section 169.81, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.81, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Manner of loading.** ~~No (a) A vehicle shall~~ must not be driven or moved on
1.8 any highway unless ~~such~~ the vehicle is so constructed, loaded, or the load securely covered
1.9 as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, blowing, or otherwise escaping
1.10 ~~therefrom, except that.~~

1.11 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a vehicle or combination of vehicles may:

1.12 (1) drop sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing to secure traction, or;

1.13 (2) sprinkle water or other substances may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or
1.14 maintaining such to clean or maintain the roadway; or

1.15 (3) leak water if transporting sugar beets.

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

1.20 (d) A violation of this subdivision by a vehicle that is carrying farm produce and that is
1.21 not exempted by the preceding sentence under paragraph (c) is a petty misdemeanor.

1.22 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.