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02/01/2023	570	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation See HF2887

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to transportation; exempting towing and recovery vehicles from certain

1.3motor vehicle weight limitations; making technical changes; proposing coding for

1.4new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022,

1.5sections 168B.15; 169.829, subdivision 2.

1.6BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7Section 1. **[169.8296] WEIGHT LIMITS; TOWING AND RECOVERY VEHICLE.**

1.8Subdivision 1. **Annual permit.** The commissioner may issue permits to an applicant

1.9who pays a single \$300 annual fee to cover all tow trucks and towing vehicles owned by

1.10the applicant and who meets any other conditions prescribed by the commissioner. The

1.11permit authorizes the tow truck or towing vehicle, when towing a disabled or damaged

1.12vehicle to a place of repair or safekeeping, to exceed the length and weight limitations of

1.13this chapter.

1.14Subd. 2. **Applicability with urgent movement.** Sections 169.823 to 169.828 do not

1.15apply to a tow truck or towing vehicle when towing a disabled or damaged vehicle and the

1.16movement is (1) urgent, and (2) for the purpose of removing the disabled vehicle from the

1.17roadway to a place of repair or safekeeping. A permit is not required for a vehicle operating

1.18under this subdivision.

1.19Subd. 3. **Seasonal load restrictions; exemption.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision,

1.20"recovery vehicle" means a vehicle equipped with a boom that is used to move or recover

1.21an inoperable vehicle.

1.22(b) The seasonal load restrictions under section 169.87, subdivisions 1 and 2, do not

1.23apply to a tow truck, towing vehicle, or a recovery vehicle that does not exceed a weight

2.1 of 20,000 pounds per single axle and is being operated for the purpose of towing or  
2.2 recovering another vehicle that:

2.3 (1) is involved in a vehicle crash or is inoperable and is located within a public road  
2.4 right-of-way; or

2.5 (2) has entered a public body of water adjacent to the roadway.

2.6 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.7 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168B.15; and 169.829, subdivision 2, are repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 23-02756

No active language found for: 168B.15

**169.829 WEIGHT LIMITS NOT APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN VEHICLES.**

No active language found for: 169.829.2