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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1480

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy  
03/14/2013 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing annual permits for overweight vehicles;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.865.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.865, is amended to read:

1.6 **169.865 SPECIAL FARM PRODUCTS ANNUAL PERMITS FOR**  
1.7 **OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Six-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
1.9 authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of six or more axles to haul  
1.10 ~~raw or unprocessed agricultural products~~ freight and be operated with a gross vehicle  
1.11 weight of up to:

- 1.12 (1) 90,000 pounds; and
- 1.13 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
1.14 subdivision 1.

1.15 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (4), a vehicle or  
1.16 combination of vehicles operated under this subdivision and, as part of an international  
1.17 movement, transporting only sealed intermodal containers may be operated on an  
1.18 interstate highway if allowed by the United States Department of Transportation.

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

1.20 Subd. 2. **Seven-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit  
1.21 authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of seven or more axles to  
1.22 haul ~~raw or unprocessed agricultural products~~ freight and be operated with a gross vehicle  
1.23 weight of up to:

- 1.24 (1) 97,000 pounds; and

2.1 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
2.2 subdivision 1.

2.3 (b) Drivers of vehicles operating under this subdivision must comply with driver  
2.4 qualification requirements adopted under section 221.0314, subdivisions 2 to 5, and Code  
2.5 of Federal Regulations, title 49, parts 40 ~~and~~, 382, and 391.

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

2.7 Subd. 3. **Requirements; restrictions.** (a) A vehicle or combination of vehicles  
2.8 operating under this section:

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

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

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

2.12 (4) may only be operated on paved streets and highways other than interstate  
2.13 highways;

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

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

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

2.20 (8) must have brakes on all wheels.

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

2.26 Subd. 4. **Deposit of revenues.** Revenue from the permits issued by the  
2.27 commissioner under this section must be deposited in the bridge inspection and signing  
2.28 account as provided under section 169.86, subdivision 5b.