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A bill for an act  
relating to transportation; traffic regulations; vehicle weight restrictions;  
establishing quarry vehicle permits; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
Statutes, chapter 169.

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

Section 1. **[169.868] QUARRY VEHICLE PERMITS.**

Subdivision 1. **Special three-unit vehicle permit.** (a) The commissioner may issue  
a permit for a vehicle that meets the following requirements:

(1) is a combination of vehicles, including a truck-tractor and a semitrailer drawing  
one additional semitrailer, which may be equipped with an auxiliary dolly, provided  
no semitrailer used in the three-vehicle combination has an overall length in excess of  
28-1/2 feet;

(2) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 108,000 pounds;

(3) complies with the axle weight limits in section 169.824;

(4) complies with the tire weight limits in section 169.823 or the tire manufacturer's  
recommended load, whichever is less; and

(5) is operated in this state only on:

(i) U.S. Trunk Highway marked 75 from the junction with Big Stone County Road  
17 to the junction with U.S. Trunk Highway marked 12, and on U.S. Trunk Highway  
marked 12 to the border with South Dakota; or

(ii) Trunk Highway marked 23 in Jasper and its junction with Trunk Highway  
marked 269, and on Trunk Highway marked 269 between its junction with Trunk Highway  
marked 23 and the South Dakota border.

(b) The commissioner may issue a permit under paragraph (a) only if the seasonal weight increases authorized under section 169.826, subdivision 1, do not apply.

Subd. 2. **Special two-unit vehicle permit.** The commissioner may issue a permit for a vehicle that meets the following requirements:

(1) is a combination of vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor and a single semitrailer that may exceed 48 feet, but not 53 feet, if the distance from the kingpin to the centerline of the rear axle group of the semitrailer does not exceed 43 feet;

(2) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of (i) 90,000 pounds if the vehicle combination has a total of six or more axles, or (ii) 97,000 pounds if the vehicle combination has a total of seven or more axles;

(3) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 99,000 pounds during the time when seasonal weight increases authorized under section 169.826, subdivision 1, are in effect;

(4) complies with the axle weight limits in section 169.824;

(5) complies with the tire weight limits in section 169.823 or the tire manufacturer's recommended load, whichever is less; and

(6) is operated only on the highways specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5).

Subd. 3. **Restrictions.** Vehicles issued permits under subdivisions 1 and 2 must comply with the following restrictions:

(1) the vehicle must be operated in compliance with seasonal load restrictions under section 169.87;

(2) the vehicle may not be operated on the interstate highway system; and

(3) the vehicle may be operated on streets or highways under the control of local authorities only upon the approval of the local authority; however, vehicles may have reasonable access to terminals and facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest and for continuity of route within one mile of the national network as provided by section 169.81, subdivision 3, and by Code of Federal Regulations, title 23, part 658.19.

Subd. 4. **Permit fee; appropriation.** (a) Vehicle permits issued under subdivision 1 must be annual permits. The fee is \$850 for each vehicle combination and must be deposited in the trunk highway fund.

(b) The fee for annual permits issued under subdivision 2 is \$300 for a 90,000-pound vehicle combination or \$500 for a 97,000-pound vehicle combination.