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02/12/2015	273	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation and Public Safety
04/16/2015	1740	Comm report: To pass Joint rule 2.03, referred to Rules and Administration

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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; amending requirements of special agricultural products

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permits for motor vehicle weight limits; providing for hauling certain products

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for use as a biofuel; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.865,

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subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.865, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Six-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit

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authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of six or more axles to haul

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~~raw or unprocessed~~ qualifying agricultural products and be operated with a gross vehicle

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weight of up to:

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(1) 90,000 pounds; and

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(2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,

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subdivision 1.

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(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (4), a vehicle or

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combination of vehicles operated under this subdivision and transporting only sealed

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intermodal containers may be operated on an interstate highway if allowed by the United

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States Department of Transportation.

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(c) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$300, or a proportional

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amount as provided in section 169.86, subdivision 5.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.865, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Seven-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit

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authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of seven or more axles to

2.1 haul ~~raw or unprocessed~~ qualifying agricultural products and be operated with a gross  
2.2 weight of up to:

2.3 (1) 97,000 pounds; and

2.4 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
2.5 subdivision 1.

2.6 (b) Drivers of vehicles operating under this subdivision must comply with driver  
2.7 qualification requirements adopted under section 221.0314, subdivisions 2 to 5, and Code  
2.8 of Federal Regulations, title 49, parts 40 and 382, unless exempt under section 221.031,  
2.9 subdivision 2c.

2.10 (c) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$500, or a proportional  
2.11 amount as provided in section 169.86, subdivision 5.

2.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.865, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.13 to read:

2.14 Subd. 6. **Qualifying agricultural products.** For purposes of this section,  
2.15 "qualifying agricultural products" includes:

2.16 (1) raw or unprocessed agricultural products; and

2.17 (2) agricultural products and feedstocks, including but not limited to oat hulls,  
2.18 transported for processing as a biofuel.