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- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy
- 03/07/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance
- 03/13/2017 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
- Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to motor vehicles; amending certain weight limitations for vehicles

1.3 transporting milk; requiring an analysis of certain deficient bridges; proposing

1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[169.8295] WEIGHT LIMITS; VEHICLES TRANSPORTING MILK.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Weight limits increase.** (a) The weight limitations under sections 169.823

1.8 to 169.829 are increased by ten percent for a single-unit vehicle transporting fluid milk from

1.9 the point of production to (1) another point of production for additional loading, or (2) the

1.10 point of first processing.

1.11 (b) Notwithstanding sections 169.824, subdivision 1, paragraph (d); 169.826, subdivision

1.12 3; or other law to the contrary, a permit is not required to operate a vehicle under this section.

1.13 (c) The seasonal weight increases under section 169.826, subdivision 1, do not apply to

1.14 a vehicle operated under this section.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Requirements; restrictions.** A vehicle operated under this section:

1.16 (1) is subject to seasonal load restrictions under section 169.87, except as otherwise

1.17 provided under section 169.87, subdivision 4;

1.18 (2) is subject to bridge load limits posted under section 169.84; and

1.19 (3) may not be operated with a load that exceeds the tire manufacturer's recommended

1.20 load, the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating as affixed to the vehicle, or other

1.21 certification of gross vehicle weight rating under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49,

1.22 sections 567.4 to 567.7.

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

2.2 Sec. 2. **DEFICIENT BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMITS; STUDY AND ANALYSIS.**

2.3 (a) By November 15, 2017, the commissioner of transportation must complete a study
2.4 and analysis of posted weight limits on state and local bridges to identify deficient bridges
2.5 in those geographic regions of the state where fluid milk is transported from points of
2.6 production to points of first processing. The study and analysis must:

2.7 (1) identify bridges with posted weight limits;

2.8 (2) review the vehicle weight limits under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, including
2.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 169.8295, relative to bridge posting standards;

2.10 (3) analyze vehicle routing considerations for transportation of fluid milk; and

2.11 (4) include geographic mapping information that is made available to milk haulers, milk
2.12 processing facilities, local road authorities, and other interested stakeholders.

2.13 (b) Upon request by the commissioner, local road authorities must provide information
2.14 on bridges under their respective jurisdictions in a timely manner.

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