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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2270

03/07/2019 Authored by Layman The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; amending requirements related to recreational vehicle
1.3 combinations; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018,
1.4 sections 169.011, subdivision 62; 169.81, subdivision 3c.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.011, subdivision 62, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 62. Recreational vehicle combination. (a) "Recreational vehicle combination"
1.8 means a combination of vehicles consisting of a full-size pickup truck or a recreational
1.9 truck-tractor attached by means of a kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling to a middle vehicle
1.10 which has hitched to it a trailer.

1.11 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, a "kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling" is a coupling
1.12 between a middle vehicle and a towing full-size pickup truck or a recreational truck-tractor
1.13 in which a portion of the weight of the towed middle vehicle is carried over or forward of
1.14 the rear axle of the towing pickup.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.81, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 3c. Recreational vehicle combination. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, a
1.17 recreational vehicle combination may be operated without a permit if:

1.18 (1) the combination does not consist of more than three vehicles, and the towing rating
1.19 of the full-size pickup truck or recreational truck-tractor is equal to or greater than the total
1.20 weight of all vehicles being towed;

1.21 (2) the combination does not exceed 70 65 feet in length;

2.1 (3) the operator of the combination is at least 18 years of age;

2.2 (4) the trailer is only carrying watercraft, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, off-highway  
2.3 motorcycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized golf carts, or equestrian equipment  
2.4 or supplies, and meets all requirements of law;

2.5 (5) the vehicles in the combination are connected to the full-size pickup truck or  
2.6 recreational truck-tractor and each other in conformity with section 169.82; ~~and~~

2.7 (6) the full-size pickup truck or recreational truck-tractor is attached to the towed middle  
2.8 vehicle by means of (i) a kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling, or (ii) a hitch that is mounted  
2.9 directly to the frame of the towing vehicle and has a carrying capacity rating that exceeds  
2.10 the combined weight of all towed vehicles and trailers; and

2.11 (7) the combination is not operated within the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined  
2.12 in section 473.121, subdivision 2, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
2.13 to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

2.14 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, a "kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling" is a coupling  
2.15 between a middle vehicle and a towing full-size pickup truck or a recreational truck-tractor  
2.16 in which a portion of the weight of the towed middle vehicle is carried over or forward of  
2.17 the rear axle of the towing vehicle.