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1371 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; exempting certain emergency vehicles from motor  
1.3 vehicle size, weight, and load restrictions; making technical changes; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 169.80, subdivision 1; 169.829, by adding a  
1.5 subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.80, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Limitations; misdemeanor.** (a) It is a misdemeanor for a person to drive  
1.9 or move, or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on a highway  
1.10 a vehicle or vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations stated in sections 169.80  
1.11 to 169.88, or otherwise in violation of sections 169.80 to 169.88, other than section 169.81,  
1.12 subdivision 5a, and the maximum size and weight of vehicles as prescribed in sections  
1.13 169.80 to 169.88 shall be lawful throughout this state, and local authorities shall have no  
1.14 power or authority to alter these limitations except as express authority may be granted in  
1.15 sections 169.80 to 169.88.

1.16 (b) When all the axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles are weighed separately  
1.17 the sum of the weights of the axles so weighed shall be evidence of the total gross weight  
1.18 of the vehicle or combination of vehicles so weighed.

1.19 (c) When each of the axles of any group that contains two or more consecutive axles of  
1.20 a vehicle or combination of vehicles have been weighed separately the sum of the weights  
1.21 of the axles so weighed shall be evidence of the total gross weight on the group of axles so  
1.22 weighed.

2.1 (d) When, in any group of three or more consecutive axles of a vehicle or combination  
2.2 of vehicles any axles have been weighed separately and two or more axles consecutive to  
2.3 each other in the group have been weighed together, the sum of the weights of the axles  
2.4 weighed separately and the axles weighed together shall be evidence of the total gross weight  
2.5 of the group of axles so weighed.

2.6 (e) The provisions of sections 169.80 to 169.88 governing size, weight, and load ~~shall~~  
2.7 do not apply to a fire apparatus, or to a vehicle operated under the terms of a special permit  
2.8 issued as provided by law.

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

2.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.829, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.11 read:

2.12 **Subd. 4. Certain emergency vehicles.** The provisions of sections 169.80 to 169.88  
2.13 governing size, weight, and load do not apply to a fire apparatus, a police special response  
2.14 vehicle, or a licensed land emergency ambulance service vehicle.

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