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Introduction and first reading

Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to motor vehicles; exempting sewage septic tank trucks from certain

1.3 vehicle-weight limitations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 169.829,

1.4 by adding a subdivision; 169.87, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.829, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Sewage septic tank trucks.** (a) Sections 169.823 to 169.828 do not apply to a

1.9 sewage septic tank truck used exclusively to transport sewage from septic or holding tanks.

1.10 (b) A vehicle that is transporting material pumped from a septic or holding tank must

1.11 travel on the most direct route between the septic or holding tank and the location where

1.12 the vehicle's contents are unloaded.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.87, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 6. **Recycling and garbage vehicles.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b),

1.15 weight restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to a vehicle that does

1.16 not exceed 20,000 pounds per single axle and is designed and used exclusively for recycling,

1.17 while engaged in recycling in a political subdivision that mandates curbside recycling pickup.

1.18 (b) Weight restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to: (1) a vehicle

1.19 that does not exceed 14,000 pounds per single axle and is used exclusively for recycling as

1.20 described in paragraph (a); (2) a vehicle that does not exceed 14,000 pounds per single axle

1.21 and is designed and used exclusively for collecting mixed municipal solid waste, as defined

1.22 in section 115A.03, subdivision 21, while engaged in such collection; ~~or~~ (3) a portable toilet

2.1 service vehicle that does not exceed 14,000 pounds per single axle or 26,000 pounds gross  
2.2 vehicle weight, and is designed and used exclusively for collecting liquid waste from portable  
2.3 toilets; or (4) a sewage septic tank truck used exclusively to haul sewage from septic or  
2.4 holding tanks, while the vehicle is engaged in such the type of collection the vehicle was  
2.5 designed to perform.

2.6 (c) Notwithstanding section 169.80, subdivision 1, a violation of weight restrictions  
2.7 imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 by a vehicle designed and used exclusively for recycling  
2.8 while engaged in recycling in a political subdivision that mandates curbside recycling pickup  
2.9 while engaged in such collection, by a vehicle that is designed and used exclusively for  
2.10 collecting mixed municipal solid waste as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 21, while  
2.11 engaged in such collection, ~~or~~ by a portable toilet service vehicle that is designed and used  
2.12 exclusively for collecting liquid waste from portable toilets, or by a sewage septic tank truck  
2.13 that is designed and used exclusively to haul sewage from septic or holding tanks while  
2.14 engaged in such collection, is not subject to criminal penalties but is subject to a civil penalty  
2.15 for excess weight under section 169.871.