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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 900

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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 special overweight permits for hauling certain
1.3 agricultural products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.865,
subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.865, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Six-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit
1.8 authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of six or more axles to haul
1.9 ~~raw or unprocessed~~ qualifying agricultural products and be operated with a gross vehicle
1.10 weight of up to:

1.11 (1) 90,000 pounds; and

1.12 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,
1.13 subdivision 1.

1.14 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (4), a vehicle or combination
1.15 of vehicles operated under this subdivision and transporting only sealed intermodal containers
1.16 may be operated on an interstate highway if allowed by the United States Department of
1.17 Transportation.

1.18 (c) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$300, or a proportional amount
1.19 as provided in section 169.86, subdivision 5.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.865, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 1a. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "qualifying agricultural products"
2.4 means raw or unprocessed agricultural products, livestock and poultry feed, seed, fertilizer,
2.5 potash, and agricultural lime.

2.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.865, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 2. **Seven-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit authorizing
2.8 a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of seven or more axles to haul ~~raw or~~
2.9 ~~unprocessed~~ qualifying agricultural products and be operated with a gross weight of up to:

2.10 (1) 97,000 pounds; and

2.11 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,
2.12 subdivision 1.

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

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

2.19 Sec. 4. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

2.20 The revisor of statutes shall recodify Minnesota Statutes, section 169.865, subdivision
2.21 1, as Minnesota Statutes, section 169.865, subdivision 1b. The revisor shall correct any
2.22 cross-references made necessary by this recodification.