

**299D.085 OVERDIMENSIONAL LOAD ESCORT DRIVER.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "overdimensional load" is a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in chapter 169, or otherwise not in conformity with the provisions of chapter 169.

Subd. 2. **Certificate.** Except as provided in subdivision 2a, no person may operate as an overdimensional load escort driver in this state without a certificate issued by the commissioner, or by a state with which the commissioner has entered into a reciprocal agreement. The commissioner shall assess a fee for each certificate applicant, calculated to cover the commissioner's cost of establishing and administering the program.

*[See Note.]*

Subd. 2a. **Exceptions.** A person who is a minimum of 18 years of age, possesses a valid operator's license for the type of vehicle being operated, and meets vehicle and safety equipment standards specified by the commissioner may operate without a certificate as an overdimensional load escort driver when: (1) the load consists of manufactured homes, as defined in section 327.31, subdivision 6, or modular homes, as defined in section 272.02, subdivision 85, paragraph (c); (2) the load does not extend over the centerline of a roadway; and (3) the vehicle carrying the overdimensional load is not routed to travel the wrong way on a roadway.

*[See Note.]*

Subd. 3. **Qualifications.** To obtain a certificate to operate as an overdimensional load escort driver, a person must be a minimum of 18 years of age, possess a valid operator's license for the type of vehicle being operated, successfully complete an escort driver certification course developed by the commissioner and offered by the commissioner or authorized agents, and meet all additional requirements, including vehicle and safety equipment standards specified by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Penalty.** A person who violates, or aids or abets the violation of, any provision of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 5. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner of public safety shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the rules must specify the fee to be assessed under subdivision 2.

**History:** 2010 c 311 s 3; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 52,53

**NOTE:** This section, as added by Laws 2010, chapter 311, section 3, is effective one year after the publication in the State Register of rules adopted under subdivision 5. Laws 2010, chapter 311, section 4.

**NOTE:** The amendments to subdivision 2 by Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 52, and subdivision 2a, as added by Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 53, expire on the December 31 that occurs immediately after two years following the publication in the State Register of rules adopted under Laws 2010, chapter 311, section 3, subdivision 5. Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, sections 52 and 53, the effective dates.