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Introduction and first reading  
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; modifying special permits for hauling construction  
1.3 materials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.869.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.869, is amended to read:

1.6 **169.869 ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SPECIAL PERMIT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "~~road~~ construction materials"  
1.8 ~~means street or highway construction materials, including but not limited to~~ includes:  
1.9 aggregate material as defined in section 298.75, subdivision 1, paragraph (a); hot mix  
1.10 asphalt; plastic concrete; cementitious materials; concrete admixtures; asphalt cement;  
1.11 ~~and~~ recycled road materials; and particulate, bulk, or oil-based materials used in construction.  
1.12 Construction materials does not include those materials that require the vehicle to be marked  
1.13 or placarded in accordance with section 221.033 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 49,  
1.14 part 172.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Six-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit authorizing  
1.16 a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of six or more axles to haul road construction  
1.17 materials and be operated with a gross vehicle weight of up to:

1.18 (1) 90,000 pounds; and

1.19 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
1.20 subdivision 1.

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

2.1 Subd. 3. **Seven-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit authorizing  
2.2 a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of seven or more axles to haul road  
2.3 construction materials and be operated with a gross vehicle weight of up to:

2.4 (1) 97,000 pounds; and

2.5 (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826,  
2.6 subdivision 1.

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

2.9 Subd. 4. **Authority; restrictions.** A vehicle or combination of vehicles operating under  
2.10 this section:

2.11 (1) is subject to axle weight limitations under section 169.824, subdivision 1;

2.12 (2) is subject to seasonal load restrictions under section 169.87;

2.13 (3) is subject to bridge load limits posted pursuant to section 169.84;

2.14 ~~(4)~~ (4) may only be operated on paved or unpaved streets and highways, other than  
2.15 interstate highways;

2.16 (5) may not be operated with loads that exceed the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight  
2.17 rating as affixed to the vehicle or other certification of gross vehicle weight rating complying  
2.18 with Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, sections 567.4 to 567.7;

2.19 (6) must comply with the requirements of section 169.851, subdivision 4;

2.20 (7) must have brakes on all wheels; and

2.21 ~~(2) must comply with the requirements and restrictions in section 169.865, subdivision~~  
2.22 ~~3, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), (5), (7), and (8); and~~

2.23 ~~(3)~~ (8) must be operated in compliance with truck route requirements and vehicle weight  
2.24 restrictions, as established under section 169.87, subdivision 1, by a local road authority or  
2.25 the commissioner.

2.26 Subd. 5. **Revenues.** Revenue from the permits issued by the commissioner under this  
2.27 section must be deposited in the bridge inspection and signing account under section 169.86,  
2.28 subdivision 5b.

2.29 Subd. 6. **Expiration date.** Upon request of the permit applicant, the expiration date for  
2.30 a permit issued under this section must be the same as the expiration date of the permitted  
2.31 vehicle's registration.

3.1 Subd. 7. **Permit information.** The commissioner must make information available to  
3.2 local road authorities on an Internet website that identifies permit issuances under this  
3.3 section and the counties in which a vehicle with a permit is intended to be operated.

3.4 Subd. 8. **Local preferred routes.** A local road authority may identify local preferred  
3.5 routes for operating a vehicle on local streets and highways under a permit issued in this  
3.6 section. A holder of a permit issued in this section and any person seeking to apply for a  
3.7 permit are encouraged to:

3.8 (1) upon request of a local road authority, provide comment on identification of preferred  
3.9 routes; and

3.10 (2) make reasonable efforts to operate a vehicle on the preferred routes when operating  
3.11 under the permit.