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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing the issuance of a special permit for hauling
1.3 sugar beets on certain roads in East Grand Forks; requiring a report; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[169.8655] SPECIAL SUGAR BEET HAULING VEHICLE PERMIT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **122,000-pound vehicles; East Grand Forks.** (a) A relevant road authority
1.8 may issue a special permit authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles to transport up
1.9 to 122,000 pounds of sugar beets on the following roads in East Grand Forks:

1.10 (1) U.S. Highway 2, also known as Gateway Drive, for approximately 1.2 miles from
1.11 the North Dakota border to Fifth Avenue Northeast;

1.12 (2) Fifth Avenue Northeast, for approximately 0.9 miles from U.S. Highway 2 to Business
1.13 Highway 2; and

1.14 (3) Business Highway 2 for approximately 0.3 miles from Fifth Avenue Northeast to
1.15 the sugar beet processing facility gate on Business Highway 2.

1.16 (b) A vehicle or combination of vehicles operating under this section is not subject to
1.17 the vehicle weight limitations set forth in section 169.824 or the axle limitations set forth
1.18 in section 169.828.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Expiration of permits.** Permits issued under this section expire on June 30,
1.20 2027.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Trial results; report required.** By January 1, 2028, relevant road authorities
1.22 issuing permits under this section must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority

2.1 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and
2.2 policy. The report must evaluate (1) the impact of the increased weight limits on the roads
2.3 specified in subdivision 1, and (2) whether such permits for sugar beet hauling should be
2.4 authorized in the future.

2.5 Subd. 4. Fee. The fee for permits issued under this section is \$60 per year as provided
2.6 in section 169.86, subdivision 5.