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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to motor vehicles; exempting sewage septic tank trucks from certain vehicle  
 1.3 weight limitations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 169.829, by adding  
 1.4 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 2022, 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 and 169.826 to 169.828 do  
 1.9 not apply to a sewage septic tank truck used exclusively to transport sewage from septic or  
 1.10 holding tanks.

1.11 (b) The weight limitations under section 169.824 are increased by ten percent for a  
 1.12 single-unit vehicle transporting sewage from the point of service to (1) another point of  
 1.13 service, or (2) the point of unloading.

1.14 (c) Notwithstanding sections 169.824, subdivision 1, paragraph (d); 169.826, subdivision  
 1.15 3; or any other law to the contrary, a permit is not required to operate a vehicle under this  
 1.16 subdivision.

1.17 (d) The seasonal weight increases under section 169.826, subdivision 1, do not apply to  
 1.18 a vehicle operated under this subdivision.

1.19 (e) A vehicle operated under this subdivision is subject to bridge load limits posted under  
 1.20 section 169.84.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.87, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 6. **Recycling and garbage vehicles.** (a) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (b)~~ While  
2.3 a vehicle is engaged in the type of collection the vehicle was designed to perform, weight  
2.4 restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to:

2.5 (1) a vehicle that does not exceed 20,000 pounds per single axle and is designed and  
2.6 used exclusively for recycling, while engaged in recycling operating in a political subdivision  
2.7 that mandates curbside recycling pickup;

2.8 ~~(b) Weight restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 do not apply to: (1) (2) a~~  
2.9 ~~vehicle that does not exceed 14,000 pounds per single axle and is used exclusively for~~  
2.10 ~~recycling as described in paragraph (a);~~

2.11 ~~(2) (3) a vehicle that does not exceed 14,000 pounds per single axle and is designed and~~  
2.12 ~~used exclusively for collecting mixed municipal solid waste, as defined in section 115A.03,~~  
2.13 ~~subdivision 21, while engaged in such collection; or~~

2.14 ~~(3) (4) a portable toilet service vehicle that does not exceed 14,000 pounds per single~~  
2.15 ~~axle or 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, and is designed and used exclusively for~~  
2.16 ~~collecting liquid waste from portable toilets, while engaged in such collection; or~~

2.17 (5) a sewage septic tank truck that is designed and used exclusively to haul sewage from  
2.18 septic or holding tanks.

2.19 ~~(e) (b) Notwithstanding section 169.80, subdivision 1, a violation of the owner or operator~~  
2.20 ~~of a vehicle that violates the weight restrictions imposed under subdivisions 1 and 2 by a~~  
2.21 ~~vehicle designed and used exclusively for recycling while engaged in recycling in a political~~  
2.22 ~~subdivision that mandates curbside recycling pickup while engaged in such collection, by~~  
2.23 ~~a vehicle that is designed and used exclusively for collecting mixed municipal solid waste~~  
2.24 ~~as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 21, while engaged in such collection, or by a~~  
2.25 ~~portable toilet service vehicle that is designed and used exclusively for collecting liquid~~  
2.26 ~~waste from portable toilets, while engaged in such collection, is not subject to criminal~~  
2.27 ~~penalties but is subject to a civil penalty for excess weight under section 169.871 if the~~  
2.28 ~~vehicle (1) meets the requirements under paragraph (a), and (2) is engaged in the type of~~  
2.29 ~~collection the vehicle was designed to perform.~~

2.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2023.