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Overview

This creates a special permit that increases the permissible gross vehicle weight for six- or seven-axle vehicles hauling construction materials. A number of the requirements are the same as in law for other special vehicle weight permits (such as the agricultural products special permit); among the differences in this bill, a permit issued by MnDOT can be used on local roads, and permit revenue to MnDOT is allocated to the town road account and available for town bridge inspection and posting.

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1 [169.869] Special construction materials permit. Authorizes a special permit to exceed motor vehicle weight limits, in order to haul construction materials on six- and seven-axle vehicles.

Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “construction materials” for the section, to include highway and building construction as well as associated demolition materials.

Subd. 2. Six-axle vehicles. Authorizes an annual permit for six-axle vehicles to haul construction materials at higher gross vehicle weight limits. Sets a \$300 permit fee.

Subd. 3. Seven-axle vehicles. Authorizes an annual permit for seven-axle vehicles to haul construction materials at higher gross vehicle weight limits. Sets a \$500 permit fee.

Subd. 4. Authority; restrictions. Makes the construction materials special permit issued by MnDOT valid across all road systems, subject to local road weight limit

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postings. Sets conditions for the special permit, including prohibiting operation on Interstates (which is a requirement under federal law), following posted bridge limits, meeting per axle and manufacturer's weight limits, being subject to spring load restrictions, and having brakes on all wheels.

Subd. 5. Revenues. Allocates permit revenue collected by MnDOT to the town bridge account, and makes the funds available for bridge inspections and weight limit posting.

Subd. 6. Expiration date. Provides, upon applicant request, for the permit to cover the same time period as the vehicle registration.