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The bill establishes that a certificate issued by the Department of Public Safety for overdimensional load escort drivers is the only required certification for a person to provide an escort of oversized motor vehicles.

Special permits are issued for motor vehicles that have a width, length, or weight in excess of the regular statutory maximums, and in some cases a pilot car or escorting vehicles are required as part of the permit (in order to warn other drivers). The escort can only be provided by peace officers or someone operating under an overdimensional load escort driver certificate. There are various requirements in the certification process, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety under some statutory provisions as well as administrative rules adopted by the department.