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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates a ten percent motor vehicle weight limit increase for some situations in transporting milk and requires a MnDOT study of deficient bridges in areas where milk is first transported.

Section

1   **[169.8295] Weight limits; vehicles transporting milk.** Increases weight limits by ten percent in some circumstances for transporting fluid milk in straight trucks (that is, vehicles that are not truck tractor-semitrailer configurations), without a special permit required.

   Subd. 1. Weight limits increase. Establishes a ten percent vehicle weight limit increase (including per-axle and gross vehicle weights) for single-unit vehicles to transport milk from the point of production to another point of production or the first point of processing. A special permit is not required. This increase is not over and above the ten percent winter weight limit increase in current law.

   Subd. 2. Requirements; restrictions. Establishes that a vehicle operated under the ten percent increase remains subject to some spring load restrictions and bridge postings, as well as to maximum weight ratings for tires and vehicle gross weights.

2   **Deficient bridge weight limits; study and analysis.** Directs MnDOT to complete a study and analysis by November 15, 2017, on deficient bridges in areas of the state where fluid milk is transported. Specifies details for the study, including identifying bridges, reviewing weight limit laws and the ten percent increase provided in section 1, analyzing vehicle routing, and providing mapping information.