

**Subject** Towing vehicle weight limits  
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### Overview

This bill, as proposed to be amended by the H2992DE1 delete-all amendment, would (1) create an exemption from local weight limit designations as well as spring load restrictions for some towing activities, and (2) centralize some towing vehicle weight limit provisions.

### Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>[Adds § 169.8296] Weight limits; towing and recovery vehicle.</b><br/>Creates a centralized set of provisions on weight limits for tow trucks, towing vehicles, and recovery vehicles.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Annual permit.</b> Substantially reproduces an existing provision on annual overdimension vehicle permits for tow trucks. Clarifies that the permit is annual.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Certain weight limits not applicable when movement is urgent.</b><br/>Substantially reproduces an existing provision on tow truck weight limit exemptions for the urgent removal of a disabled or damaged vehicle, with technical changes. Clarifies that a permit is not required.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Seasonal load restrictions; exemption.</b> Establishes an exemption from local weight limit designations as well as spring load restrictions for a towing or recovery vehicle that does not exceed a per-axle limit and is being operated to tow another vehicle in specified circumstances.</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>Repealer.</b><br/>Repeals provisions on tow truck weight limits that are substantially reproduced in section 1, subdivisions 1 and 2, of the bill.</p>  |



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