

This Document can be made available in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2798

03/26/2025 Authored by Fogelman, Joy and Koznick
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; modifying escort vehicle requirements for
1.3 overdimensional loads; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.812,
1.4 subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.812, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Escort vehicles required; width. (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and
1.8 (e), no escort vehicle is required if the width of an overdimensional load is 15 feet or less
1.9 as measured at the bottom of the load or is 16 feet or less as measured at the top of the load.

1.10 (b) Only one rear escort vehicle is required on a multilane divided roadway if the width
1.11 of an overdimensional load is more than 15 feet as measured at the bottom of the load or is
1.12 more than 16 feet as measured at the top of the load.

1.13 (c) Only one lead escort vehicle and one rear escort vehicle is required on any undivided
1.14 roadway if the width of an overdimensional load is more than 15 feet as measured at the
1.15 bottom of the load or is more than 16 feet as measured at the top of the load.

1.16 (d) One lead escort vehicle, one rear escort vehicle, and one lead licensed peace officer
1.17 is required when any part of an overdimensional load or a vehicle transporting an
1.18 overdimensional load extends beyond the left of the centerline on an undivided roadway
1.19 and when movement over the centerline would adversely affect traffic, create hazardous
1.20 driving conditions, or jeopardize the safety of the motoring public.

1.21 (e) The commissioner may must specify in the permit:

1.22 (1) the number of escort vehicles required; and

2.1 (2) whether operators of the escort vehicles must be licensed peace officers or may be
2.2 additional escort drivers as defined in subdivision 1.

2.3 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the commissioner may:

2.4 (1) require additional escorts when deemed necessary to protect public safety or to ensure
2.5 against undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces, or structures. ~~The commissioner~~
2.6 must specify in the permit (1) the number of additional escorts required; and; or

2.7 (2) whether the operators of the escort vehicles must be licensed peace officers or may
2.8 be escort drivers, as defined in subdivision 1 authorize fewer escorts if alternative safety
2.9 measures are established by the carrier of the overdimensional load.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.