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S.F. No. 2623 – Tow truck weight limit modifications (as amended by the A-2 amendment)

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Section 1 [Weight Limits; towing and recovery vehicle] creates a new section of law relating to tow truck weight limits.

Subdivision 1 includes substantively the same language from **section 168B.15**, which is being repealed. This section allows the commissioner of transportation to issue permits for oversize and overweight tow trucks when towing a disabled or damaged vehicle to place of repair or safekeeping.

Subdivision 2 provides that size and weight limits do not apply when a tow truck or towing vehicle is: 1) removing a damaged or disabled vehicle from a roadway; 2) removing the vehicle is urgent; and 3) the vehicle is being taken to a place of safekeeping or repair. A permit is not required in this situation. Much of this subdivision is substantively similar to **section 169.829, subd. 2**, which is being repealed.

Subdivision 3. Seasonal load restrictions do not apply to tow trucks that do not exceed 20,000 pounds per single axle and is towing or recovering another vehicle that is 1) in the road right-of-way and was involved in a crash or is inoperable; or 2) has entered a body of water next to the road. This exemption only applies when a law enforcement agency makes a request to move the vehicle.

Section 2 [Repealer] repeals Minn. Stat. **sections 168B.15** (oversize and overweight tow truck permits) and **169.829, subd. 2**, (oversize and overweight tow truck exemption in certain urgent situations).