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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1520

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; modifying provisions relating to permits and to escort
1.3 drivers for overdimensional loads; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section
1.4 169.86, subdivision 3b.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.86, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3b. **Escort vehicles.** (a) The commissioner or local authority shall specify
1.8 in the permit:

1.9 (1) the minimum number of escort vehicles required to escort the overdimensional
1.10 load; and

1.11 (2) ~~whether any requirements relating to flashing warning lights.~~

1.12 (b) The permit must state that the operators of the escort vehicles must:

1.13 (1) may be certified licensed peace officers or certified protective agents licensed
1.14 under sections 326.32 to 326.339, or both, at the discretion of the applicant; or

1.15 (2) may be overdimensional load escort drivers who hold a license under section
1.16 326.3382, subdivision 5, and who hold a current certificate under section 299D.085.

1.17 (c) The commissioner of transportation may not adopt a rule or other regulation
1.18 that directly or indirectly:

1.19 (1) bars licensed protective agents from performing traffic control duties under
1.20 section 326.338, subdivision 4, clause (4); or

1.21 (2) results in a preference for a licensed peace officer or a licensed protective agent
1.22 in the provision of overdimensional load escort services.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraphs (a) and (b) are effective on the same day as the
2.2 effective date of Laws 2010, chapter 311, section 2. Paragraph (c) is effective the day
2.3 following final enactment.