

**169.829 WEIGHT LIMITS NOT APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN VEHICLES.**

Subdivision 1. **City vehicle except on trunk highway.** (a) The provisions of sections 169.823 to 169.828 do not apply to vehicles operated exclusively in any city in this state which has in effect an ordinance regulating the gross weight of vehicles operated within that city.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to trunk highways.

Subd. 2. **Tow truck.** Sections 169.823 to 169.828 do not apply to a tow truck or towing vehicle when towing a disabled or damaged vehicle, when the movement is urgent, and when the movement is for the purpose of removing the disabled vehicle from the roadway to a place of safekeeping or to a place of repair.

Subd. 3. **Utility vehicle.** Sections 169.823 to 169.828 do not apply to a utility vehicle that does not exceed a weight of 20,000 pounds per axle and is owned by:

(1) a public utility, as defined in section 216B.02;

(2) a municipality or municipal utility that operates that vehicle for its municipal electric, gas, or water system; and

(3) a cooperative electric association organized under chapter 308A.

Subd. 4. **Certain emergency vehicles.** (a) The provisions of sections 169.80 to 169.88 governing size, weight, and load do not apply to a fire apparatus, a law enforcement special response vehicle, or a licensed land emergency ambulance service vehicle.

(b) Emergency vehicles designed to transport personnel and equipment to support the suppression of fires and to mitigate other hazardous situations are subject to the following weight limitations when operated on an interstate highway: (1) 24,000 pounds on a single steering axle; (2) 33,500 pounds on a single drive axle; (3) 52,000 pounds on a tandem rear drive steer axle; and (4) 62,000 pounds on a tandem axle. The gross weight of an emergency vehicle operating on an interstate highway must not exceed 86,000 pounds.

**History:** 1981 c 321 s 4; 1982 c 424 s 42; 1982 c 617 s 11-13; 1983 c 198 s 9; 1986 c 398 art 13 s 6-9; 1986 c 452 s 20; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 4 s 13; 1991 c 112 s 4; 1991 c 333 s 18,19; 1992 c 578 s 7-10; 1994 c 635 art 1 s 16; 1998 c 372 art 1 s 8; 2000 c 433 s 1,4; 2001 c 156 s 1; 2001 c 213 s 10; 2002 c 364 s 13; 2003 c 97 s 3; 1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 63; 2004 c 228 art 1 s 69; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 56; 2010 c 320 art 2 s 5; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 67; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 65