Highlights & Comments regarding truck weight limits in SF 1876 signed into law on 5-12-09 and effective 8-1-09 (Laws 2009 Chapter 64)

1…Authorizes all paved un-posted roads to 10-ton axle weights unless otherwise posted. (Changed in 169.823 Subdivision 1)

a) Removes language referring to 9-ton county and state aid paved roads with 10-ton weights (old 2008 language)
b) Single axles allowed 20,000 pounds on all paved routes
c) Wheel weights allowed 10,000 pounds on all paved routes
d) Removes "designated highway" language for 10-ton routes

2…Removes the 73,280 maximum gross weight cap. (169.824 Sub 2)

a) Allows 80,000 pounds on all roads (paved or un-paved) as long as the axle limits for the roads are not exceeded.
b) If a road is posted at 9-ton axle weight there is no longer a statutory cap of 73,280 pounds. A 5 axle combination can haul 80,000 pounds as long as the 9-ton axle weights are legal.

3…Changes the gross weight table to include all weights previously referenced to the Federal Bridge Formula. (169.824 Sub 1)

a) Includes references in the canola, Grand Rapids Blandin paper legislation, and 2008 raw or unprocessed agricultural products.

4…Removes the tridem requirement to limit axle weights within a tridem to no more than 15,000 pounds per axle. (169.823 Sub 1)

a) The gross weight chart applies to all axle groups with no axle within a group to exceed the single axle load limit for the highway on which the truck is being operated.

5…Changes the "default" setting for road restriction weights so that paved roads stay at 10-ton limits during spring load restrictions unless posted otherwise. Gravel un-posted roads default to 5-ton (as before) without posting. (169.87 Sub 2)

6…Repeals language which limited the gross weight to 80,000 pounds on local roads during the 10% winter load increase. Trucks, with proper axle spacing, may now haul up to 88,000 pounds but must comply with the axle load limits for the various routes they use. (169.826 Sub 1b & 5)

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