

HB 2591 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Bentz

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/22/19

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 4 - Bentz, Beyer, Frederick, Gelser

Exc: 1 - Boquist

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, McKeown, McLain, Noble, Witt

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows combination truck tractors and two property-carrying units transporting sugar beets to receive variance permits. Limits operation of vehicle to U.S. Highway 20, U.S. Highway 26, U.S. Highway 30, or State Highway 201 in or between the cities of Vale, Ontario, and Nyssa. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emergency clause necessary for beet harvest season

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A variance permit can be issued if a road authority or a contractor authorized by a road authority determines the public interest will be served by allowing the permit. Variance permits can be applied to any vehicle, combination of vehicles, load articles, property, and machines to move over a highway or street. Without a variance permit, vehicles could be in violation of maximum weight limits, maximum size limits, towing safety requirements, and failure to drive within a lane. The road authority may issue permits for a specific number of trips, a specific season, and may establish other terms. Current law prohibits a road authority from issuing a variance permit to any vehicle or load that can be readily dismantled or disassembled unless otherwise classified as exempt.

House Bill 2591-A allows vehicles transporting sugar beets to receive a variance permit. The measure applies to U.S. Highway 20, U.S. Highway 26, U.S. Highway 30, or State Highway 201 in or between the cities of Vale, Ontario, and Nyssa.