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To: Drive-Away In-Transit Licensees

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Subject: Minnesota Drive-Away In-transit transporter licenses

Reference: Minn. Stat. § 168.053 available at  
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=168.053>

During the 2015 legislative session the Minnesota legislature amended the drive-away in-transit (DRW) law. Effective July 1, 2015 the Minnesota DRW plate is authorized to be issued only to Minnesota-based transporters and the restriction that the plate be used only within the state of Minnesota has been removed.

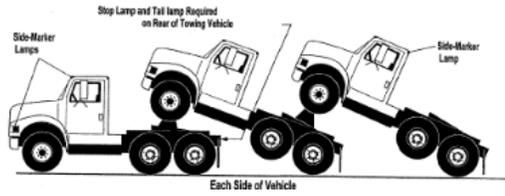
To assist out of state transporters driving through Minnesota, there are reciprocity agreements between Minnesota and 14 states and one Canadian province. Under the terms of these reciprocity agreements, an out of state transporter may travel on Minnesota roads using their home-based DRW plate. The jurisdictions with reciprocity agreements with Minnesota are listed in Table 1 below and Minnesota is pursuing reciprocity agreements with additional jurisdictions.

Alabama	Arizona	Arkansas	Iowa
Louisiana	Michigan	Nebraska	New Hampshire
Oregon	Pennsylvania	Tennessee	Washington
Wisconsin	Manitoba		

Table 1, Jurisdictions with Reciprocity Agreements with Minnesota as of July 9, 2015

Transporters should review the attachment for an understanding of the rules that apply when operating in Minnesota.

**For transporters with a combination similar to the image below, the following rules apply:**



1. Where the GVW or RGW is 26,000 pounds or less and the power unit has two axles:

<b>For Minnesota-based transporters:</b>	<b>For reciprocity state-based transporters:</b>	<b>For all other transporters:</b>
A valid Minnesota DRW plate	A valid base state DRW plate	A valid base state DRW plate

2. Where the GVW or RGW is 26,000 pounds or greater or the power unit has three or more axles:

<b>For Minnesota-based transporters:</b>	<b>For reciprocity state-based transporters:</b>	<b>For all other transporters:</b>
A valid Minnesota DRW plate	A valid IRP registration and a base state DRW plate	Valid IRP registration and a Minnesota trip permit

**For transporters with a vehicle in transit similar to the image below, the following rules apply:**



1. Where the GVW or RGW is 26,000 pounds or less and the power unit has two axles:

<b>For Minnesota-based transporters:</b>	<b>For reciprocity state-based transporters:</b>	<b>For all other transporters:</b>
A valid Minnesota DRW plate	A valid base state DRW plate	A valid base state DRW plate

2. Where the GVW or RGW is 26,000 pounds or greater or the power unit has three or more axles:

<b>For Minnesota-based transporters:</b>	<b>For reciprocity state-based transporters:</b>	<b>For all other transporters:</b>
A valid Minnesota DRW plate	A valid IRP registration and a base state DRW plate	Valid IRP registration and a Minnesota trip permit

**For transporters with a vehicle similar to the image below, the following rules apply:**



1. Where the GVW or RGW is 26,000 pounds or greater or the unit has three or more axles:

<b>For Minnesota-based transporters:</b>	<b>For reciprocity state-based transporters:</b>	<b>For all other transporters:</b>
A valid Minnesota DRW plate	A valid IRP registration and a base state DRW plate	Valid IRP registration and a Minnesota trip permit

**For transporters with a combination similar to the image below, the following rules apply:**



1. Where the GVW or RGW of the combination is 26,000 pounds or less

<b>For Minnesota-based transporters:</b>	<b>For reciprocity state-based transporters:</b>	<b>For all other transporters:</b>
Valid Minnesota plates on the tow vehicle and valid Minnesota DRW plate on the trailer	Valid home base state plates on the tow vehicle and valid base state DRW plate on the trailer	Valid home base state plates on the tow vehicle and valid home base state DRW plate on the trailer

2. Where the GVW or RGW of the combination is 26,000 pounds or greater:

<b>For Minnesota-based transporters:</b>	<b>For reciprocity state-based transporters:</b>	<b>For all other transporters:</b>
Valid Minnesota plates on the tow vehicle and valid Minnesota DRW plate on the trailer	Valid home base IRP plates on the tow vehicle and valid base state DRW plate on the trailer	Valid home base IRP plates on the tow vehicle and a Minnesota trip permit.