

Executive Orders

The governor has the authority to issue written statements of orders, called Executive Orders, as well as Emergency Executive Orders. The governor's authority is specified in the *Constitution of the State of Minnesota*, Article V, and in *Minnesota Statutes* 4.035. Emergency Executive Orders, for protection from an imminent threat to health and safety, become effective immediately, are filed with the secretary of state, and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after they are issued. Other Executive Orders become effective 15 days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the secretary of state. Unless otherwise specified, an executive order expires 90 days after the date the governor who issued the order vacates office.

Office of the Governor

Emergency Executive Order #02-12: Providing Emergency Relief from Regulations to Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating in Minnesota

I, **JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, drought conditions continue to exist in South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to transport hay and straw to affected areas to provide feed for livestock.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that the Commissioner of Transportation waive the following statutory requirements and issue over-dimension transportation permits to hay and straw haulers:

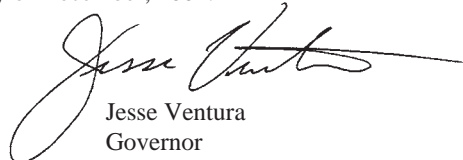
1. *Minnesota Statutes* 2002, Section 221.021. Any person while engaged in the transportation of hay and straw to victims of the drought shall be exempt from applying for operating authority.
2. *Minnesota Statutes* 2002, Section 221.60, subdivision 1(2) and (3). Interstate carriers while engaged in the transportation of hay and straw to the victims of drought shall be exempt from registering with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation.
3. *Minnesota Statutes* 2002, Section 169.862. All carriers while engaged in the transportation of hay and straw to the victims of the drought may operate on the interstate highway system.

The following statutory provisions shall remain in effect:

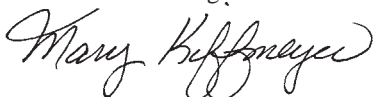
- The maximum available width of loaded vehicles is 11 1/2 feet;
- The maximum height of vehicle and load is 14 feet 3 inches.
- Vehicles must operate only from sunrise to sunset;
- There shall be no movement in the Twin City Metropolitan Area between the hours 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Minneapolis/St. Paul (TWIN CITIES) Metropolitan Area includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties;
- Vehicles must operate on pavement that is at least 24 feet wide;
- Vehicles must be equipped with mirrors so that drivers are able to have a clear view of the highway at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle;
- Vehicles must display red, orange or yellow flags, 18 inches square, as markers at the front and rear and on both sides of the load.

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 2002, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Executive Order is effective immediately.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 30th day of December, 2002.


Jesse Ventura
Governor

Filed According to Law:



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Secretary of State