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Special Transportation Service (STS)  
**REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM CHAPTER 8840**  
**OPERATING STANDARDS**

Company Information & Certification	Provider Name: _____ MN/DOT Number: _____  Mailing Address _____ Date: _____  Signature of Business Official & Title Below: _____
Description	List the part(s) of Chapter 8840 that you are seeking a variance from. Be specific (e.g., 8840.5940, subpart 5, door height)
Explain	Briefly explain your current situation that requires you to request a variance.
Vehicles Affected	List vehicle(s) this variance would apply to. List vehicle's year, make, VIN, license plate number, date obtained and date placed into service. If possible, include a photograph of vehicle. Attach additional sheets as necessary.
Proof of Burden	Briefly explain, and provide supporting documentation to show, how complying with the current rule imposes an excessive burden on your operations.

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Intent of  
Rule

Explain how the intent of the specific rule in question can be met, or exceeded, by the alternative practice which you propose under the variance.

Preserving  
Public Safety

Explain how public health and safety will not be adversely affected by granting the variance.

**Special  
Notice**

Minnesota Statutes and Rules set forth standards for vehicles and driver providing Special Transportation Services (STS). All drivers and vehicles are expected to meet these standards.

In the past, a variance from these standards were granted in certain cases, in part, to avoid placing an excessive burden on existing operations to comply with what were then new standards. Today, the law is clear and longstanding, and carriers should have no expectation of a variance for noncompliance even if a variance was granted under similar circumstances in the past.

All sections of this variance application form must be completed. Attach additional pages if necessary.  
Mail completed form, and supporting documentation, to:

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