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Relating to: vehicle weight limitations									

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

- 1. The bill repeals Act 167's elimination on January 1, 2011 of the frozen road weight limitation exception for peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise, thereby maintaining this exception indefinitely.
- 2. The bill requires the department and local highway authorities, with respect to highways under their respective jurisdictions, to make frozen road declarations on the first day conditions warrant (as determined by the department and local highway authorities under applicable standards) and to make these declarations effective as of 12:01 a.m. on the second day following the declaration.
- 3. Under current law, the department notifies road users approximately seven to ten days in advance of when the declaration will take effect. If enacted, the bill provision described above may restrict the department's ability to provide more advance notification of start and end dates for the frozen road declaration.
- 4. The 98,000 pound raw forest product permit is not valid for operation on any interstate highway.
- 5. The 90,000 pound raw forest product and fruit and vegetable permit will continue to be valid only on the portion of I-39 between STH 29 south of Wausau and the I90/94 interchange near Portage. This exception was originally grandfathered in by federal law 23 USC 127(F). The above segment of I-39 is brought into strict conformance with federal law under 2005 Act 167. AB-164 intends to maintain the exemption indefinitely past the 2011 sunset date established in 2005 Act 167.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The costs of the bill are presently indeterminate.