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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2011 Assembly Bill 501</b>	<b>Assembly Substitute Amendment 1</b>
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Under *current law*, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory weight limits unless the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or a local authority.

*2011 Assembly Bill 501* creates an exception to the permit requirement for all of the following vehicles that haul manure to or from a farm between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> each year:

- A vehicle or combination of vehicles having a registered weight of 50,000 pounds or more.
- An implement of husbandry.

However, these vehicles may not exceed normal weight limits by more than 15%. The bill would not apply to the national system of Interstate highways, except on I-39 between US-H 51 and I-90/94.

*Assembly Substitute Amendment 1* extends the weight limit exception to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Additionally, the substitute amendment moves this exception to a different subsection and updates several cross-references.

### Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Petrowski and Ripp. On February 7, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of Assembly Bill 501, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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