

**2019 Senate Bill 523 (LRB -3780)**

An Act to amend 343.055 (1) (c) of the statutes; relating to: commercial driver license waiver for certain operation of commercial motor vehicles by farmers. (FE)

**2019**

10-25.	S.	Introduced by Senators <b>Petrowski, Olsen and Tiffany</b> ; cosponsored by Representatives <b>Spiros, Considine, Knodl, Kulp, Mursau, Oldenburg, Plumer, Ramthun, Tauchen, Tusler and Wichgers.</b>	458
10-25.	S.	Read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs	458

**2020**

01-08.	S.	Public hearing held	
01-30.	S.	Senate Amendment 1 offered by Senator Petrowski ( <b>LRB a1023</b> )	626
02-03.	S.	Fiscal estimate received	
02-04.	S.	Executive action taken	
02-05.	S.	Report passage recommended by Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs, Ayes 5, Noes 0	642
02-05.	S.	Available for scheduling	
02-14.	S.	Placed on calendar 2-19-2020 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1)	678
02-19.	S.	Senator Larson added as a coauthor	
02-19.	S.	Read a second time	
02-19.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	
02-19.	S.	Rules suspended	
02-19.	S.	Read a third time and <b>passed</b>	
02-19.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	
02-20.	A.	Received from Senate	
02-20.	A.	Read	
02-20.	A.	Rules suspended to withdraw from Senate message and take up	
02-20.	A.	Read a second time	
02-20.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	
02-20.	A.	Rules suspended	
02-20.	A.	Read a third time and <b>concurred in</b>	
02-20.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	
02-21.	S.	Received from Assembly concurred in	

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**Adopted Documents**

Original

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Substitute Amdt

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Amendments:  None or  Listed below.

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Corrections:  None or  Listed by date below.

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Topic:  Same as relating clause or  Indicated below.

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## 2019 SENATE BILL 523

October 25, 2019 - Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, OLSEN and TIFFANY, cosponsored by Representatives SPIROS, CONSIDINE, KNODL, KULP, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PLUMER, RAMTHUN, TAUCHEN, TUSLER and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill expands an exception from the commercial driver license (CDL) requirement for certain use of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) by farmers.

Under current law, the definition of "commercial motor vehicle" includes a single vehicle or combination vehicle with a gross combination weight rating, registered weight, or actual gross weight (generally, the weight of vehicle while carrying a full load) of 26,001 or more pounds inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating, registered weight, or actual gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds.

A person may not, in general, operate a CMV without a valid CDL. Current law, however, provides several exceptions from the CDL requirement allowing, for example, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, and rescue squad members who hold valid operators' licenses other than CDLs to operate CMVs under specified circumstances. Another current exception allows farmers to use a CMV without holding a CDL if all of the following apply: 1) the use is within 150 miles of the operator's farm; 2) the CMV is used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies, including hazardous materials requiring placarding, to or from a farm; and 3) the CMV is operated and controlled by a farmer.

This bill eliminates requirement 1) from the CDL exception for farmers and family members or employees of a farmer, except when transporting hazardous materials. Thus, under this bill, a farmer or family member or employee of a farmer

