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CHAPTER 404

AN ACT to amend 85.53 (6); and to create 85.465 of the statutes, relating to the application of weight limitations to state, county and municipal vehicles.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 85.465 of the statutes is created to read:

85.465 WEIGHT LIMITATIONS APPLY TO STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL VEHICLES. (1) Except when being used for the removal, treatment and sanding of snow or ice, and the vehicles included in sub. (2) and s. 85.10 (14), the term "vehicle" as used in ss. 85.47, 85.48, 85.53, 85.91 (2b) and 85.54 includes, among others, vehicles owned by the state, a county or municipality.

(2) State, county and municipal vehicles having a manufacturers' gross vehicle weight rating, as established by the motor truck division of the automobile manufacturers' association, of 26,000 pounds and over may be operated for other purposes until July 1, 1958. Subsequent to July 1, 1958, the operation of such vehicles, except for the removal, treatment and sanding of snow or ice, or when used under authorization of s. 85.10 (14) or 85.53, shall comply with the provisions of ss. 85.47, 85.48 and 85.54 and shall be subject to the penalties as provided by s. 85.91 (2b).

SECTION 2. 85.53 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.53 (6) For good cause in specified instances for specified construction or maintenance operations or for a specified period, the officer in charge of maintenance may allow loads to be hauled on either class of highway in excess of those herein provided for; provided, that no such officer shall allow such excess loads to be hauled except on highways the cost of the maintenance of which is paid by the municipality which said officer represents.

Approved July 2, 1953.