



## 1997 SENATE BILL 465

February 18, 1998 - Introduced by Senators SHIBILSKI, WELCH, BRESKE, SCHULTZ, A. LASEE, DRZEWIECKI, FARROW and FITZGERALD, cosponsored by Representatives KLUSMAN, OURADA, MURAT, OTT, SERATTI, SPILLNER and SPRINGER. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 348.27 (9m) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** weight  
2             limitations for vehicles and combinations of vehicles transporting bulk  
3             potatoes.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) may issue annual and consecutive month permits for overweight vehicles and combinations of vehicles that are transporting bulk potatoes from storage facilities to food processing facilities. A permit does not authorize the operation of a vehicle or vehicle combination at a maximum gross weight of more than 90,000 pounds. A permit is valid on designated portions of USH 51 and I 39 that are part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

This bill provides that any annual or consecutive month permit DOT issues for an overweight vehicle or vehicle combination that is transporting bulk potatoes from storage facilities to food processing facilities is not valid on any part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, except to the extent permitted by federal law without any loss or reduction of federal aid or other sanction.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SENATE BILL 465****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 348.27 (9m) (a) 3. of the statutes, as created by 1997 Wisconsin Act  
2 27, is amended to read:

3           348.27 **(9m)** (a) 3. Bulk potatoes from storage facilities to food processing  
4 facilities in vehicles or vehicle combinations that exceed the maximum gross weight  
5 limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000 pounds. A permit under  
6 this subdivision is not valid on ~~USH 51 between STH 64 near Merrill and STH 29~~  
7 ~~south of Wausau in Lincoln and Marathon counties, and on I 39 between STH 29~~  
8 ~~south of Wausau and the I 90/94 interchange near Portage in Marathon, Portage,~~  
9 ~~Waushara, Marquette and Columbia counties~~ highways designated as part of the  
10 national system of interstate and defense highways, except to the extent permitted  
11 by federal law without any loss or reduction of federal aid or other sanction.

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