

1999 Assembly Bill 188

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1999 WISCONSIN ACT 46

AN ACT to amend 349.16 (3) of the statutes; relating to: exempting certain vehicles transporting material pumped from a septic or holding tank from special or seasonal weight limitations imposed by local highway authorities.

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

SECTION 1. 349.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

349.16 (3) The authority in charge of the maintenance of the highway may exempt vehicles carrying certain commodities specified by the authority or which are used to perform certain services specified by the authority, ~~including but not limited to pumping septic or holding tanks,~~ from the special weight limitations which are imposed under sub. (1) (a), or may set different weight limitations than those imposed under sub. (1) (a) for vehicles carrying those commodities or which are used to perform those services, if such exemption or limitation is reasonable and necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare. The authority in charge of the maintenance of the highway shall exempt from the special or seasonal weight limitations imposed under sub. (1) (a) a

vehicle that is used to transport material pumped from a septic or holding tank if, because of health concerns, material needs to be removed from a septic or holding tank within 24 hours after the vehicle owner or operator is notified and if the vehicle is operated for the purpose of emptying the septic or holding tank and disposing of its contents and is operated on a route that minimizes travel on highways subject to weight limitations imposed under sub. (1) (a). Within 72 hours after operating a vehicle that transported material pumped from a septic or holding tank and that exceeded special or seasonal weight limitations as authorized by this subsection, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall notify the authority in charge of maintenance of the highways over which the vehicle was operated.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1997-98: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].