

2003 SENATE BILL 506

February 27, 2004 – Introduced by Senators ZIEN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives SUDER, HINES, TOWNSEND and ALBERS. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 348.15 (3) (bt) of the statutes; **relating to:** permitting vehicles
2 that are hauling road building and maintenance materials to exceed weight
3 limits on certain highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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 that person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Certain exceptions allow a vehicle or a combination of vehicles that is transporting exclusively milk under specified circumstances, peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise, or scap metal, or that is used primarily for the transportation of septage, to operate without a permit on certain highways at different, higher per-axle weight limits if the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed a gross weight of 80,000 pounds. A vehicle or combination of vehicles operating under any of these exceptions may not operate without a permit on Class B highways or on the national system of interstate and defense highways, except for the portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94.

This bill allows a vehicle or a combination of vehicles that is used primarily for the transportation of road building and maintenance materials to operate without a permit on certain highways at different, higher per-axle weight limits if the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed a gross weight of 80,000 pounds. The bill does not allow these vehicles to operate without a permit on Class B highways or on the national system of interstate and defense highways, except for the portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94.

