2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 374

May 29, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives Friske, Petrowski, Gronemus, Mursau, Owens, Ballweg, Gunderson and Hahn, cosponsored by Senators Schultz and Roessler. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT *to create* 343.055 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating a commercial driver license exception for municipal officials operating commercial motor vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) unless the person holds a commercial driver license (CDL). Exceptions allow fire fighters, rescue squad members, and farmers who hold valid operators' licenses other than CDLs to operate CMVs under specified circumstances. Federal law generally requires operators of CMVs to hold CDLs, but provides for certain exceptions. State law provides that the exceptions under state law apply to the extent permitted under federal law.

This bill creates an exception to the CDL licensing requirement for municipal officials who operate CMVs within their municipality in connection with the authorized functions or duties of the municipality.

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

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

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343.055 **(1)** (e) *Municipal officials.* The operator of the commercial motor vehicle is a municipal official who is operating the commercial motor vehicle within the municipality of which he or she is an official and is operating the commercial motor vehicle in connection with the authorized functions or duties of the municipality.

7 (END)