



## 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 623

December 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives PETROWSKI, SMITH, M. WILLIAMS, CLARK, RIPP, GUNDERSON, TOWNSEND, TAUCHEN, BALLWEG and SUDER, cosponsored by Senators KREITLOW, ERPENBACH, SCHULTZ, HARSORF, TAYLOR and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 348.17 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** seasonal weight  
2             limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops.

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### *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 the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or a local authority. Under one exception, certain vehicles or vehicle combinations transporting agricultural crops may, without a permit, exceed weight limits by not more than 15 percent from September 1 to November 30 of each year.

This bill extends the annual end date for this exception from November 30 to December 31.

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:***

3             **SECTION 1.** 348.17 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             348.17 (5) From September 1 to ~~November 30~~ December 31 of each year, no  
5             permit shall be required for the transportation of corn, soybeans, potatoes,

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1 vegetables, or cranberries from the field to storage on the grower's owned or leased  
2 land, from the field to initial storage at a location not owned or leased by the grower,  
3 or from the field to initial processing in a vehicle or combination of vehicles having  
4 a registered gross weight of 50,000 pounds or more or described in s. 340.01 (24) (b)  
5 that exceeds the weight limitations under s. 348.15 by not more than 15 percent.  
6 This subsection does not apply to the national system of interstate and defense  
7 highways, except for that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94.

8 (END)