2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 455

1   AN ACT *to amend* 348.15 (5) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** the testing of

2   portable scales used for the enforcement of vehicle weight limitations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

3   **SECTION 1.** 348.15 (5) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4   348.15 **(5)** (intro.)   For enforcement of weight limitations specified by this

5   chapter the gross weight, measured in pounds, imposed on the highway by any wheel

6   or any one axle or by any group of 2 or more axles shall be determined by weighing

7   the vehicles and load, either by single draft or multiple draft weighing on certified

8   stationary scales or on portable scales in good working order which are tested in

9   comparison to certified stationary scales within ~~90~~ 180 days immediately prior to any

10   weighing operation by the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection

1 or other authorized testing agencies for accuracy to within standard accepted

2 tolerances. The weighing operation shall be performed in accordance with and under

3 conditions accepted as good weighing technique and practice. In multiple draft

4 weighing the sum of the weight of respective components shall be used to establish

5 the weight of a combination of the components. It is recognized that the weight,

6 determined in accordance with methods prescribed in this chapter, includes all

7 statutory weights and represents the momentary load force or reaction imposed on

8 the scale at the time of weighing. Such weights include any variation due to the

9 following factors:

10 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

11 (1) This act first applies to offenses committed on the effective date of this

12 subsection, but does not preclude the counting of other convictions as prior

13 convictions for purposes of imposing a penalty.

14   **(END)**