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Senate Bill 428

Relating to: seasonal weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops.

By Senators Kreitlow, Taylor, Erpenbach, Schultz, Harsdorf and Olsen; cosponsored by Representatives Petrowski, Smith, Clark, Gunderson, Suder, Ripp, Townsend, M. Williams, Tauchen and Ballweg.

December 15, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

January 20, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Jerry Petrowski — 86th Assembly District
- Pat Kreitlow — 23rd Senate District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Paul Nilsen — WI DOT

Registrations For

- George Klaetsch — WI Agribusiness Council
- Jordan Lamb — Wisconsin Pork Association
- Jordan Lamb — Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association
- Jordan Lamb — Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers
- Jordan Lamb — Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 4, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (1) Senator Plale.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Kedzie that **Senate Bill 428** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Senator Plale.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 0

Elizabeth Novak
Committee Clerk

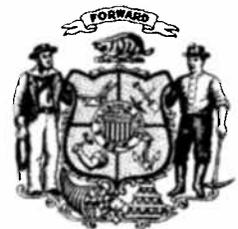
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Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources
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Re: 2009 Senate Bill 428, relating to: seasonal weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops.

Dear Chairperson Holperin,

The Department of Transportation is currently working to determine whether 2009 Senate Bill 428 could result in the loss of federal highway aid, to the extent that the bill changes weight limits on Interstate Highway 39 ("I-39") between Portage and Wausau. The Department has no concerns about this bill on any other highway.

When the 104-mile stretch of highway became an interstate highway in 1996, the federal government allowed Wisconsin to keep the weight limits that were in effect at that time, even if they exceeded weight limits that normally apply to interstate highways. This bill raises weight limits for the month of December. As result, heavy truck operations during December will exceed federal interstate highway weight limits. If the Federal Highway Administration views this as an expansion of the increased weight limits beyond those that existed in 1996, the bill could result in lost federal highway revenues.

The Department is currently working with Representative Petrowski and the Federal Highway Administration to answer this question. If FHWA agrees the bill does not expand weight limit exemption, or if it does, if the bill were amended to avoid I-39, the Department would have no concern about this bill.

The applicable federal weight limit exemption reads:

23 USC 127(f) Operation of Certain Specialized Hauling Vehicles on Certain Wisconsin Highways.--If the 104-mile portion of Wisconsin State Route 78 and United States Route 51 between Interstate Route 94 near Portage, Wisconsin, and Wisconsin State Route 29 south of Wausau, Wisconsin, is designated as part of the Interstate System under section 103(c)(4)(A), the single axle weight, tandem axle weight, gross vehicle weight, and bridge formula limits set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to the 104-mile portion with respect to the operation of any vehicle that could legally operate on the 104-mile portion before the date of the enactment of this subsection. (emphasis added)