



## 2011 SENATE BILL 410

January 31, 2012 – Introduced by Senators GALLOWAY, MOULTON, HARSDORF and HOLPERIN, cosponsored by Representatives PETROWSKI, SUDER, WILLIAMS, VRUWINK, KRUG, A. OTT, TRANEL, TAUCHEN, SPANBAUER, MARKLEIN, DANOU and BERNIER. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

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

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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 December 31 of each year.

This bill provides an exception similar to the agricultural crop exception. Under this bill, certain vehicles or vehicle combinations transporting manure to or from a farm may, without a permit, exceed weight limits by not more than 15 percent from September 1 to November 30 of each year.

Because this bill concerns an exception to the vehicle weight limits specified in ch. 348, stats., the Department of Transportation, as required by law, will prepare a report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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:***

**SENATE BILL 410****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 348.17 (5) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 52, is  
2 amended to read:

3           **348.17 (5)** From September 1 to December 31 of each year, no permit shall be  
4 required for the transportation of corn, soybeans, potatoes, vegetables, or  
5 cranberries from the field to storage on the grower's owned or leased land, from the  
6 field to initial storage at a location not owned or leased by the grower, or from the field  
7 to initial processing in a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a registered gross  
8 weight of 50,000 pounds or more or described in s. 340.01 (24) (b) that exceeds the  
9 weight limitations under s. 348.15 by not more than 15 percent. From September  
10 1 to November 30 of each year, no permit shall be required for the transportation of  
11 manure to or from a farm in a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a registered  
12 gross weight of 50,000 pounds or more, a vehicle or combination of vehicles described  
13 in s. 340.01 (24) (b), or an implement of husbandry for which registration is not  
14 required, that exceeds the weight limitations under s. 348.15 by not more than 15  
15 percent. This subsection does not apply to the national system of interstate and  
16 defense highways, except for that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94.

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