



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 279
[2011 Senate Bill 410]

**Seasonal Weight Limitations for
Vehicles Transporting Manure**

Under *current law*, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds statutory weight limitations unless the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or a local authority.

2011 Wisconsin Act 279 creates an exception to the permit requirement, similar to the present seasonal exception for vehicles transporting agricultural crops, for certain overweight vehicles hauling manure. Under the bill, a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting manure to or from a farm between September 1st and December 31st of each year may operate without an overweight permit if the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the weight limitations by not more than 15% and the vehicle is any of the following:

- A vehicle or combination of vehicles having a registered gross weight of 50,000 pounds or more.
- An implement of husbandry.
- A motor truck, farm truck, road tractor, truck tractor, or farm truck tractor or a combination of such a vehicle and a semitrailer, trailer, or farm trailer if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is a commercial motor vehicle.

The Act does not apply to the national system of interstate highways.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.