

State of Wisconsin



2013 Senate Bill 574

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2013 WISCONSIN ACT 217

AN ACT to amend 348.17 (1); and to create 348.17 (4) of the statutes; relating to: energy emergencies and vehicle weight limits.

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

SECTION 1. 348.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.17 (1) No person, whether operating under a permit or otherwise, shall operate a vehicle in violation of special weight limitations imposed by state or local authorities on particular highways, highway structures or portions of highways when signs have been erected as required by s. 349.16 (2) giving notice of such weight limitations, except when the vehicle is being operated under a permit expressly authorizing such weight limitations to be exceeded or is being operated as authorized under sub. (4).

SECTION 2. 348.17 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

348.17 (4) During an energy emergency, after consultation with the department of administration, the department may authorize motor vehicles that have a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or less and that are transporting propane or heating oil for delivery to residences, businesses, or other end users to exceed any special weight limitation imposed under ss. 348.17 (1) and 349.16 (1) (a) and (2) in connection with the thawing of frozen highways. Any person operating a motor vehicle as authorized under this subsection shall, to the extent practicable, deliver propane or heating oil at times of the day when the highways used are the least vulnerable.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Notwithstanding section 13.096 (2) of the statutes, the department of transportation shall not prepare a report on this bill under section 13.096 (2) and (3) of the statutes.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."