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## **2017 SENATE BILL 198**

AN ACT to amend 348.15 (3) (f) 2.; and to create 348.15 (3) (h) of the statutes; relating to: weight limit exceptions for vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology or natural gas fuel systems.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

**Section 1.** 348.15 (3) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.15 (3) (f) 2. Notwithstanding pars. (a) to (c) and (g), sub. (4), and ss. 348.17 and 349.16, and subject to subd. 3., in the case of a heavy-duty vehicle equipped with idle reduction technology, the gross weight of the vehicle, and the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle or axle group of the vehicle, may exceed the applicable weight limitation specified in pars. (a) to (c) or (g) or posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1) by not more than 400 550 pounds or the weight of the idle reduction technology, whichever is less.

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**Section 2.** 348.15 (3) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (3) (h) Notwithstanding pars. (a) to (c) and (g), sub. (4), and ss. 348.17 and 349.16, in the case of a vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas, the gross weight of the vehicle, and the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle or axle group of the vehicle, may exceed the applicable weight limitation specified in pars. (a) to (c) or (g) or posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1) by not more than 2,000 pounds, or an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the natural gas tank and fueling system and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system, whichever is less.

## **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) Exception to review by the department of transportation. Notwithstanding section 13.096 (2) of the statutes, for the treatment of section 348.15 (3) (f) 2. and (h) of the statutes, the department of transportation may not prepare a report under section 13.096 (2) and (3) of the statutes.

15 (END)