



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 85**  
[2017 Senate Bill 198]

**Extra Weight Limit Allowance for  
Vehicles Equipped With Certain  
Technologies or Systems**

Wisconsin law provides an additional weight allowance for vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology. Prior to 2017 Wisconsin Act 85, vehicles equipped with that technology were permitted to exceed the statutory weight limitations that would otherwise apply by not more than 400 pounds or the weight of the idle reduction technology, whichever is less.

The Act increases this additional allowance to 550 pounds or the weight of the idle reduction technology, whichever is less. Act 85 also creates an additional weight allowance for vehicles equipped with a natural gas fuel system. Under Act 85, a vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas may exceed the statutory weight limitations that would otherwise apply 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.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.