AN ACT to create 194.015 of the statutes; relating to: an exception to federal
hours of service requirements and modifying an administrative rule related to
the exception.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, federal law provides limits on the maximum number of hours within
certain given time periods that motor carriers may permit their commercial motor
vehicle drivers to drive. Federal law also provides requirements related to the
records that must be made and maintained of these driver hours of service. There
is an exception in federal law to these hours of service requirements during planting
and harvesting periods for drivers who are transporting certain agricultural
commodities or farm supplies within a 150-mile radius of the source. Under the
exception, states are allowed to designate the planting and harvesting period. Under
current Wisconsin law, a Department of Transportation rule provides that the
planting and harvesting season applicable in Wisconsin is March 15 through
December 15 of each year.

This bill provides that the applicable planting and harvesting period for
Wisconsin is January 1 to December 31.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be
printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do
enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 194.015 of the statutes is created to read:

194.015 Planting and harvesting period. For purposes of the exception in 49 CFR 395.1 (k), the planting and harvesting period is January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 2. Trans 325.01 of the administrative code is repealed.

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