

1969 Assembly Bill 757

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CHAPTER 340, LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to amend 348.15 (3) (b) (intro.), 348.20 (3) and 348.21 (3) (b) (intro.); and to create 348.15 (3) (b) (2) and (5r) of the statutes, relating to transportation of forest products.

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

SECTION 1. 348.15 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.15 (3) (b) (intro.) The gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle exceeds 21,000 pounds, ~~in the case of a 2 axle motor truck transporting peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise,~~ or 19,500 pounds ~~in the case of any other vehicle;~~ or

SECTION 2. 348.15 (3) (b) 2 of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (3) (b) 2. The gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle exceeds 21,500 pounds or, for 2 axles less than seven feet apart, 35,000 pounds or, for groups of 3 or more consecutive axles more than 9 feet apart, a weight of 4,000 pounds more than is shown in par. (c) or permitted under par. (d) when transporting peeled or unpeeled forest products cut cross-wise. This section shall not apply to the national system of interstate and defense highways.

SECTION 3. 348.15 (5r) of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (5r) Irrespective of sub. (5), in determining overweight under sub. (3) (b) 2 the results of weighing by means of portable scales shall be admissible as evidence, but the operator may request reweighing on a certified stationary scale. Portable scales shall be checked by weighing in comparison to certified stationary scales within 10 days immediately prior to any weighing operation. In all cases where a vehicle is weighed on a certified stationary scale, axles less than 6 feet apart shall be weighed as one unit.

SECTION 4. 348.20 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.20 (3) When a vehicle or combination of vehicles is transporting livestock, *bulk products or peeled or unpeeled forest products cut cross-wise* and a violation of a single axle or a group of axles over the limits set forth in ss. 348.15 (3) (b) ~~or~~, (c) or (d) and 348.16 is detected, there shall be no prosecution provided that the axles under consideration can be made legal by shifting the load but no shifting of load shall be required unless the overload is more than 1,500 pounds per axle or group of axles. ~~The 21,000 pound axle weight specified in s. 348.15 (3) (b) is not applicable to this section.~~ This shall not apply to the national interstate and defense highway system.

SECTION 5. 348.21 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.21 (3) (b) (intro.) If the weight exceeds by more than 1,000 pounds the maximum set forth in s. 348.15 (3) or 348.16 or posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1), the fine shall be computed according to the following schedule and, in the case of violation of s. 348.175, shall be computed on the basis of the weight stated in the permit, *and in the case of violation of s. 348.15 (3) (b) 2 shall be computed on the basis of the weights stated in that paragraph:*

Approved December 22, 1969.
