



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Senate Bill 417**

**Senate Amendment 1**

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### **2015 SENATE BILL 417**

Senate Bill 417 provides limited exceptions to statutory width and weight restrictions for certain types of logging equipment. Under the bill, the exceptions apply if the equipment is operated for logging purposes for distances of a half mile or less on highways that are not part of the national system of interstate and defense highways. With respect to the exception from weight restrictions, the equipment must also be operated unladen.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 limits the scope of the exceptions provided for certain logging equipment under the bill. Under the amendment, the equipment must be operated at times other than in hours of darkness in order for the weight and width exemptions to apply. Under current law, unchanged by the amendment, "hours of darkness" means the time between one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, and all other times when there is not sufficient natural light to render clearly visible any person or vehicle upon a highway at a distance of 500 feet.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Petrowski offered Senate Amendment 1 on December 11, 2015. On January 14, 2016, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 417, as amended.

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