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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 674

November 9, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Hubler, Boyle, Handrick and Seratti, cosponsored by Senator Jauch. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 348.15 (3) (br) of the statutes; relating to: weight limit exceptions for vehicles and vehicle combinations transporting exclusively sand or gravel.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a vehicle or vehicle combination that is transporting exclusively scrap metal, or peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise, is permitted to carry a maximum of 21,500 pounds on any one axle, 37,000 pounds on 2 axles 8 or less feet apart, or 4,000 more pounds on at least 3 consecutive axles more than 9 feet apart than allowed under the statutory gross weight table. These vehicle weight limit exceptions do not apply on highways that are part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

This bill extends these vehicle weight limit exceptions to vehicles and vehicle combinations that are transporting exclusively sand or gravel.

Because this bill concerns an exception to the vehicle weight limits specified in ch. 348, stats., the department of transportation, as required by law, will prepare a detailed report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

For further information see the *state* 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.** 348.15 (3) (br) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 348.15 (3) (br) In the case of a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting
 - exclusively peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise or in the case of a vehicle

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or combination of vehicles transporting exclusively, scrap metal, or sand or gravel or both, the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle may not exceed 21,500 pounds or, for 2 axles 8 or less feet apart, 37,000 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), but not to exceed 80,000 pounds. This paragraph does not apply to the national system of interstate and defense highways.

7 (END)