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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 592

November 11, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives Ourada, Gard, Linton, Musser, Seratti, Sykora, Owens, Ainsworth, Gunderson, Boyle, Ryba, Hahn, Huebsch, Hasenohrl and Otte, cosponsored by Senators Breske, Farrow, Zien and Drzewiecki. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 349.16 (3) of the statutes; relating to: exempting vehicles that
are used to deliver household goods or pump septic or holding tanks from
special or seasonal weight limitations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, highway authorities may impose special or seasonal weight limitations on highways which, because of deterioration or climatic conditions, would likely be seriously damaged or destroyed if such limitations were not imposed. For vehicles carrying certain commodities or being used to perform certain services, including services related to pumping waste from septic or holding tanks, highway authorities may set different weight limitations or exempt such vehicles from the special or seasonal weight limitations if an exemption or limitation is in the interest of public health, safety and welfare.

This bill provides that any special or seasonal weight limitations imposed by a highway authority do not apply to vehicles being used for delivering household goods or pumping waste from septic or holding tanks.

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. 349.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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at 349.16 (3) The authority in charge of the maintenance of the highway shall exempt vehicles that are used to pump septic or holding tanks, or to deliver household goods, from the special weight limitations which are imposed under sub. (1) (a). In addition, the authority in charge of the maintenance of the highway may exempt vehicles carrying certain commodities specified by the authority or which are used to perform certain services specified by the authority, including but not limited to pumping septic or holding tanks, from the special weight limitations which are imposed under sub. (1) (a), or may set different weight limitations than those imposed under sub. (1) (a) for vehicles carrying those commodities or which are used to perform those services, if such exemption or limitation is reasonable and necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare.

12 (END)