



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 623

December 17, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives PETROWSKI, SMITH, M. WILLIAMS, CLARK, RIPP, GUNDERSON, TOWNSEND, TAUCHEN, BALLWEG and SUDER, cosponsored by Senators KREITLOW, ERPENBACH, SCHULTZ, HARSDF, TAYLOR and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 348.17 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** seasonal weight
2 limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory weight limits unless the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or a local authority. Under one exception, certain vehicles or vehicle combinations transporting agricultural crops may, without a permit, exceed weight limits by not more than 15 percent from September 1 to November 30 of each year.

This bill extends the annual end date for this exception from November 30 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 348.17 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 348.17 (5) From September 1 to ~~November 30~~ December 31 of each year, no
5 permit shall be required for the transportation of corn, soybeans, potatoes,

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1 vegetables, or cranberries from the field to storage on the grower's owned or leased
2 land, from the field to initial storage at a location not owned or leased by the grower,
3 or from the field to initial processing in a vehicle or combination of vehicles having
4 a registered gross weight of 50,000 pounds or more or described in s. 340.01 (24) (b)
5 that exceeds the weight limitations under s. 348.15 by not more than 15 percent.
6 This subsection does not apply to the national system of interstate and defense
7 highways, except for that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94.

8 (END)