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## **2015 SENATE BILL 509**

January 6, 2016 – Introduced by Senators Petrowski, Moulton and Olsen, cosponsored by Representatives Spiros, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Hutton, Ripp, Skowronski and T. Larson. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1 AN ACT to amend 348.17 (5) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: seasonal

weight 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 December 31 of each year.

This bill extends the annual beginning date for this exception from September 1 to August 1.

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 report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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.** 348.17 (5) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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348.17 (5) (a) (intro.) From September August 1 to December 31 of each year, no permit shall be required for the transportation of corn, soybeans, potatoes, vegetables, or cranberries from the field to storage on the grower's owned or leased land, from the field to initial storage at a location not owned or leased by the grower, or from the field to initial processing in a vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds the weight limitations under s. 348.15 by not more than 15 percent and that satisfies all of the following:

8 (END)