

1969 Senate Bill 588

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**CHAPTER 473, LAWS OF 1969**

AN ACT to renumber and amend 348.19 (1); and to create 348.19 (1) (b) and (4) of the statutes, relating to eliminating the gross weight of vehicles transporting pulpwood.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 348.19 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 348.19 (1) (a) and amended to read:

348.19 (1) (a) Any traffic officer having reason to believe that the gross weight of a vehicle is unlawful or in excess of the gross weight for which the vehicle is registered may require the operator of such vehicle to stop and submit the vehicle and any load it may be carrying to a weighing by means of either portable or stationary scales and may require that such vehicle be driven to the nearest usable certified scale *except as provided in s. 348.19 (1) (b)*.

SECTION 2. 348.19 (1) (b) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

348.19 (1) (b) Any other provision of the statutes notwithstanding, a vehicle transporting peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise shall not be required to proceed to a scale more than one mile from the point of apprehension if the estimated gross weight of the vehicle does not exceed the lawful limit. The gross weight of the vehicle shall be estimated by multiplying the average length of the load by the average height per square foot of load measurement and adding this computed weight to the empty weight of the vehicle. The average weights per square foot of load measurement to be used in computing the estimated load weight are given in the following table:

Softwood & Poplar	Green	Seasoned (Pulpwood which has been cut 6 months prior to hauling is considered seasoned.)
Peeled	325 lbs.	200 lbs.

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Unpeeled	300 lbs.	250 lbs.
Other Hardwoods		
Peeled	350 lbs.	225 lbs.
Unpeeled	325 lbs.	275 lbs.

(4) Subsection (1) (b) shall not apply to vehicles transporting peeled or unpeeled forest products on the national, interstate or defense highway systems.

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