

1991 Assembly Bill 754

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## 1991 WISCONSIN ACT 242

AN ACT to amend 343.055 (1) (a); and to create 343.055 (1) (f) to (h) and 343.055 (5) of the statutes, relating to: commercial driver license waivers for certain commercial motor vehicle operators and granting rule-making authority.

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

**SECTION 1.** 343.055 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 1991 Wisconsin Act 39, is amended to read:

343.055 (1) (a) *General.* Except as provided in subs. (3) and (4) and notwithstanding s. 343.05 (2), operators of certain commercial motor vehicles specified in pars. (b) to (e) (h) are not required to hold commercial driver licenses, if the operator holds a valid operator's license not limited to "Class M" vehicles.

**SECTION 2.** 343.055 (1) (f) to (h) of the statutes are created to read:

343.055 (1) (f) *Seasonal employment operators.* The operator of the commercial motor vehicle is a person employed in seasonal employment and the vehicle is being used for the purpose of agriculture, including forestry. In this paragraph, "seasonal employment" means employment that can be conducted only during certain times of the year for not more than 14 weeks per year.

(g) *Highway winter maintenance operators.* The operator of the commercial motor vehicle is a person employed in highway winter maintenance work by an authority in charge of the maintenance of the highway and the vehicle is being used for the purpose of snow and ice control.

(h) *Rescue squad members.* The operator of the commercial motor vehicle is a member of a legally organized rescue squad. This paragraph applies only to the operation of authorized emergency vehicles.

**SECTION 3.** 343.055 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

343.055 (5) **RULES.** As soon as possible after the federal commercial motor vehicle safety act, 49 USC 2701 to 2716, or the regulations adopted under that act permit any commercial driver license waiver under this section, the department shall promulgate rules governing eligibility for the waiver. This subsection applies to waivers not permitted by federal law on the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date].