

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Bill 198

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 85

AN ACT to amend 348.15 (3) (f) 2.; and to create 348.15 (3) (h) of the statutes; relating to: weight limit exceptions for vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology or natural gas fuel systems.

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

SECTION 1. 348.15 (3) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.15 (3) (f) 2. Notwithstanding pars. (a) to (c) and (g), sub. (4), and ss. 348.17 and 349.16, and subject to subd. 3., in the case of a heavy-duty vehicle equipped with idle reduction technology, the gross weight of the vehicle, and the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle or axle group of the vehicle, may exceed the applicable weight limitation specified in pars. (a) to (c) or (g) or posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1) by not more than ~~400~~ 550 pounds or the weight of the idle reduction technology, whichever is less.

SECTION 2. 348.15 (3) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (3) (h) Notwithstanding pars. (a) to (c) and (g), sub. (4), and ss. 348.17 and 349.16, in the case of a

vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas, the gross weight of the vehicle, and the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle or axle group of the vehicle, may exceed the applicable weight limitation specified in pars. (a) to (c) or (g) or posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1) by not more than 2,000 pounds, or an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the natural gas tank and fueling system and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system, whichever is less.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) EXCEPTION TO REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Notwithstanding section 13.096 (2) of the statutes, for the treatment of section 348.15 (3) (f) 2. and (h) of the statutes, the department of transportation may not prepare a report under section 13.096 (2) and (3) of the statutes.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."