



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 501

January 26, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives PETROWSKI, SUDER, WILLIAMS, VRUWINK, KRUG, A. OTT, TRANEL, TAUCHEN, SPANBAUER, MARKLEIN and DANOU, cosponsored by Senators GALLOWAY, MOULTON, HARSDFORF and HOLPERIN. 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 manure.

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 provides an exception similar to the agricultural crop exception. Under this bill, certain vehicles or vehicle combinations transporting manure to or from a farm may, without a permit, exceed weight limits by not more than 15 percent from September 1 to November 30 of each year.

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:

