



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2015 Wisconsin Act 44
[2015 Assembly Bill 122]

**Exempting Certain Vehicles from
Class "B" Highway Weight
Limitations and Special or Seasonal
Weight Limitations**

BACKGROUND

Current law authorizes the Department of Transportation and local authorities to establish special or seasonal weight limitations for highways under their jurisdiction which, because of deterioration or climatic conditions, would likely be seriously damaged if the limitations were not imposed. Current law also authorizes local authorities to designate highways under their jurisdiction as Class "B" highways. Generally, the weight limitations that apply to Class "B" highways are 60% of the statutory weight limitations that apply to highways not designated as Class "B" highways. [ss. 348.16, 349.15, and 349.16, Stats.]

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The Act provides that special or seasonal weight limitations and Class "B" highway weight limitations do not apply to vehicles operated by or at the direction of public utilities, telecommunications providers, or certain cooperative associations, when the vehicles are being operated for the purpose of responding to a service interruption.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.