AN ACT to amend 218.0125 (3m) (b); and to create 348.05 (2) (e), 348.15 (10) and 348.16 (3) (c) of the statutes; relating to: the width and weight limits of certain motor vehicles operated on a highway and reasonable compensation of a motor vehicle dealer by a motor vehicle manufacturer, importer, or distributor for certain motor vehicle service work.

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

SECTION 1g. 218.0125 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.0125 (3m) (b) Reasonable compensation under par. (a) for labor is equal to the dealer’s effective nonwarranty labor rate multiplied by the number of hours allowed for the repair under the manufacturer’s, importer’s, or distributor’s time allowances used in compensating the dealer for warranty work. Reasonable compensation under par. (a) for parts is equal to the dealer’s cost for the parts multiplied by the sum of 1 and the dealer’s average percentage markup over dealer cost for parts.

SECTION 1n. 348.05 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

348.05 (2) (e) Twelve feet for skidders, forwarders, harvesters, and wheeled feller bunched operated for logging purposes at times other than hours of darkness and operated on the highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less. This paragraph does not apply on any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

SECTION 2. 348.15 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (10) (a) Notwithstanding sub. (3) (a), (b), and (c), but subject to par. (b), there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles, and no gross weight limitation, for skidders, forwarders, harvesters, and wheeled feller bunched operated for logging purposes at times other than hours of darkness and operated unladen on the highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply on any highway that is posted with a weight limitation as provided in s. 348.17 (1) or that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

SECTION 3. 348.16 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

348.16 (3) (c) Subsection (2) does not apply to the operation of any skidder, forwarder, harvester, or wheeled feller bunched under circumstances for which there is no weight limitation under s. 348.15 (10).


(1) Notwithstanding section 13.096 (2) of the statutes, the department of transportation may not prepare a report on this bill under section 13.096 (2) and (3) of the statutes.

SECTION 5. Initial applicability.
(1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this subsection.