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AMENDMENT MEMO

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2023 Assembly Bill 74

Assembly Amendment 1

BACKGROUND

Federal law allows a state to issue a restricted commercial driver's license (CDL) to a seasonal employee of a farm service industry¹ employer. The restricted CDL may be used to operate only certain classes of commercial motor vehicle and only in certain locations. The restricted CDL must be limited to a seasonal period as established by the state, but not to exceed 210 days in any calendar year.

Wisconsin issues the restricted CDL by attaching an "F" endorsement to a regular driver's license. Currently, the seasonal period for an "F" endorsement may not exceed 180 days.

2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 74

2023 Assembly Bill 74 increases to 210 days the maximum length of the seasonal period for an "F" endorsement.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes corresponding changes to the administrative rules of the Department of Transportation.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Plumer offered Assembly Amendment 1 on May 25, 2023. On June 6, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Transportation voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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¹ "Farm service industry" means a farm retail outlet, a custom harvester, a livestock feeder, or an agri-chemical business.