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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 743

January 16, 2020 – Introduced by Representatives VANDERMEER, BALLWEG, KNODL, KULP, LOUDENBECK, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PLUMER, SKOWRONSKI, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TUSLER and EDMING, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, COWLES, KOOYENGA, NASS, OLSEN and STROEBEL. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AN ACT ***to create*** 194.015 of the statutes; **relating to:** an exception to federal hours of service requirements and modifying an administrative rule related to the exception.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, federal law provides limits on the maximum number of hours within certain given time periods that motor carriers may permit their commercial motor vehicle drivers to drive. Federal law also provides requirements related to the records that must be made and maintained of these driver hours of service. There is an exception in federal law to these hours of service requirements during planting and harvesting periods for drivers who are transporting certain agricultural commodities or farm supplies within a 150-mile radius of the source. Under the exception, states are allowed to designate the planting and harvesting period. Under current Wisconsin law, a Department of Transportation rule provides that the planting and harvesting season applicable in Wisconsin is March 15 through December 15 of each year.

This bill provides that the applicable planting and harvesting period for Wisconsin is January 1 to December 31.

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:

SECTION 1. 194.015 of the statutes is created to read:

194.015 Planting and harvesting period. For purposes of the exception in 49 CFR 395.1 (k), the planting and harvesting period is January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 2. Trans 325.01 of the administrative code is repealed.

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