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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the maximum gross weight limit for vehicles  
2 hauling crops during the annual period of harvest.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 5, Code 2005, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", during  
4 the period beginning October 1 and ending November 30, the  
5 maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a vehicle  
6 hauling crops, including corn, soybeans, hay, straw, and  
7 stover, on noninterstate highways from the point of harvest to  
8 a storage or distribution point is ninety thousand pounds.  
9 However, weight embargoes on bridges shall continue to apply.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill creates an exception to maximum gross weight  
12 limits for vehicles hauling crops on noninterstate highways  
13 from the point of harvest to a distribution or storage point  
14 during the period of harvest from October 1 through November  
15 30 annually. Current law establishes graduated weight limits  
16 for vehicles or combinations of vehicles based on the number  
17 of axles, with a maximum allowable gross weight of 80,000  
18 pounds. The bill allows a maximum gross weight of 90,000  
19 pounds, regardless of the number of axles, during the harvest  
20 period.

21 Weight limitations on bridges are not affected by the bill.

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