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TRANSPORTATION

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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, paragraph b,
2 Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered
3 paragraph:

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

12 EXPLANATION

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

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

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