

113TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2130

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2014

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Winter Roads Safety  
5       Act of 2014”.

6       **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY WAIVER.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on  
8       the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the  
9       date on which the Commissioner of the Minnesota Depart-

1 ment of Transportation terminates the seasonal vehicle  
 2 weight limit increase in the North Zone in accordance with  
 3 section 169.826 of the Minnesota Statutes, the Secretary  
 4 of Transportation shall waive, for a covered logging vehi-  
 5 cle, the application of any vehicle weight limit established  
 6 under section 127 of title 23, United States Code.

7 (b) INSPECTION REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding  
 8 subsection (a), a waiver described in such subsection may  
 9 not be granted until the bridges along the road segments  
 10 described in subsection (c)(4) have been inspected and cer-  
 11 tified by the Minnesota Department of Transportation to  
 12 be structurally capable of supporting vehicles with a gross  
 13 vehicle weight of 99,000 pounds.

14 (c) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “cov-  
 15 ered logging vehicle” means a vehicle that—

16 (1) is transporting raw or unfinished forest  
 17 products, including logs, pulpwood, biomass, or wood  
 18 chips;

19 (2) has a gross vehicle weight of not more than  
 20 99,000 pounds;

21 (3) has not fewer than 6 axles;

22 (4) is operating on a segment of—

23 (A) Interstate Route 35 in Minnesota be-  
 24 tween mile marker 235.4 and mile marker  
 25 259.552; or

1                   (B) Interstate Route 535 in Minnesota be-  
2                   tween mile marker 0 and mile marker 1.571;  
3                   and  
4                   (5) has obtained the appropriate overweight ve-  
5                   hicle permit from the Minnesota Department of  
6                   Transportation.

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