

State of Wisconsin



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2013 WISCONSIN ACT 220

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 348.08 (1) (a); *to amend* 348.07 (4); and *to create* 348.01 (2) (au), (ay) and (bv) and 348.08 (1) (a) 1. and 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** the length limit for certain vehicle combinations operated on the highway without a permit.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 348.01 (2) (au), (ay) and (bv) of the statutes are created to read:

348.01 (2) (au) "Drive-away method in saddlemount combination" means a vehicle combination designed and specifically used to tow up to 3 trucks or truck tractors, each connected by a saddle to the frame or 5th-wheel of the forward vehicle of the truck or truck tractor in front of it, and including not more than one fullmount.

(ay) "Fullmount" means a smaller vehicle mounted completely on the frame of either the first or last vehicle in a saddlemount combination.

(bv) "Saddle" means a mechanism that connects the front axle of a towed vehicle to the frame or 5th-wheel of the vehicle in front and functions like a 5th-wheel kingpin connection.

SECTION 2. 348.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.07 (4) The secretary shall, by rule, designate the highways to which sub. (2) (f), (fm), and (gm) and s. 348.08 (1) (a) 2. and (e) apply. The designation of highways under this subsection may not be inconsistent with the designation of highways made by the U.S. secretary of transportation under P.L. 97-424, section 411. The secretary may also designate additional highways by

rule. In adopting a rule designating other highways, which may include 2-lane highways, the secretary shall specify the factors which resulted in the determination to designate the highways. These factors shall include, but are not limited to, safety, economics, energy savings, industry productivity and competition. Vehicles to which sub. (2) (f), (fm), and (gm) and s. 348.08 (1) (a) 2. and (e) apply may also operate on highways not designated under this subsection for a distance of 15 miles or less in order to obtain access to a highway designated under this subsection or to reach fuel, food, maintenance, repair, rest, staging, terminal or vehicle assembly facilities or points of loading or unloading. The secretary may, by rule, designate an access route of more than 15 miles from a highway designated under this subsection when the longer route provides safer and better access to a location which is within the 15-mile limit. Household goods carriers may operate between highways designated under this subsection and points of loading and unloading.

SECTION 3. 348.08 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 348.08 (1) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

348.08 (1) (a) (intro.) Two or 3 vehicles may, without such permit, be drawn or attached when such vehicles are being transported by the drive-away method in saddlemount combination and the overall length of such combination of vehicles does not exceed the following:

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

3. When operating on a highway not identified in subd. 1. or 2., 75 feet.

SECTION 4. 348.08 (1) (a) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

348.08 (1) (a) 1. When operating on a highway designated as part of the national system of interstate and

defense highways under s. 84.29, 97 feet.

2. When operating on a highway designated under s. 348.07 (4), 97 feet.

SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this subsection.
