



## 1997 SENATE BILL 452

February 10, 1998 - Introduced by Senator PLACHE, by request of Jim Meyer, Racine. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

- 1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 348.27 (7m); and **to create** 348.27 (7m) (a) 2.  
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** permits for 3-vehicle combinations.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law generally prohibits any person from driving a vehicle on a highway while towing 2 or more vehicles unless the driver possess a permit issued by the department of transportation (DOT). DOT may issue permits only for certain 3-vehicle combinations that consist of the following vehicles:

1. A towing vehicle.
2. A mobile home or camping trailer.
3. A boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer.

The overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 60 feet and, unless not structurally possible, the lighter of the towed vehicles must be the last vehicle towed. The vehicles must be for the use of the driver of the vehicle.

This bill authorizes DOT to issue permits for a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle followed by 2 boat trailers. The overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 60 feet and, unless not structurally possible, the lighter of the towed vehicles must be the last vehicle towed. However, the vehicles are not required to be for the use of the driver of the vehicle.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 348.27 (7m) (a) (intro.)  
2 and amended to read:

3           348.27 (**7m**) (a) (intro.) The department may issue an annual or consecutive  
4 month permit for the movement of a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing  
5 vehicle and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd  
6 vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a any of the  
7 following vehicle combinations:

8           1. A mobile home or camping trailer and, followed by a boat trailer, motorcycle  
9 trailer, personal watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer, if the overall length  
10 of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 feet and the towed vehicles are for  
11 the use of the operator of the towing vehicle.

12           (b) A permit under this subsection may be issued only by the department,  
13 regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate the routes  
14 that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under this  
15 subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this subsection shall  
16 be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee  
17 for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation.

18           **SECTION 2.** 348.27 (7m) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

19           348.27 (**7m**) (a) 2. Two boat trailers, if the overall length of the combination of  
20 vehicles does not exceed 60 feet.

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(END)