



2007 SENATE BILL 502

February 19, 2008 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, COWLES, KEDZIE, KREITLOW, LEHMAN, OLSEN, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives PETROWSKI, ALBERS, BALLWEG, BIES, GUNDERSON, JESKEWITZ, KESTELL, MOLEPSKE, MUSSER, NASS, NERISON, SHERIDAN, SUDER, VOS and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 348.25 (4) (intro.) and 348.26 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 single trip permits for the movement of oversize mobile homes, manufactured
3 homes, and modular homes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law imposes size, weight, and load limits on vehicles that travel on the highways. The Department of Transportation (DOT) and local highway officials may issue certain permits authorizing the permittee to operate a vehicle that exceeds these limits on vehicle size, weight, or load. DOT issues single trip permits for the movement of oversize mobile homes, manufactured homes, and modular homes (modular home permits).

Current law also provides, with numerous exceptions, an indivisible load requirement under which an oversize or overweight permit may be issued only for a single article or vehicle that cannot reasonably be divided or reduced to comply with statutory size and weight limitations.

This bill specifies that DOT may issue a modular home permit for the movement of more than one modular home section on a carrier if each home section is a component of the same home as evidenced by serial numbers or other distinguishing marks and the overall dimensions of the load will not exceed the size limits specified in the permit. The bill also creates an exception to the indivisible load requirement for modular home permits.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 348.25 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 348.25 (4) (intro.) Except as provided under s. 348.26 (4), (5), (6), or (7) or 348.27
3 (3m), (9), (9m), (9r), (9t), (10), (12), or (13), permits shall be issued only for the
4 transporting of a single article or vehicle which exceeds statutory size, weight or load
5 limitations and which cannot reasonably be divided or reduced to comply with
6 statutory size, weight or load limitations, except that:

7 **SECTION 2.** 348.26 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 11, is
8 amended to read:

9 348.26 (4) MOBILE HOME, MANUFACTURED HOME, AND MODULAR HOME PERMITS.
10 Single trip permits for the movement of oversize mobile homes, manufactured
11 homes, or modular homes may be issued only by the department, regardless of the
12 highways to be used. Every such permit shall designate the route to be used by the
13 permittee. No permit may be issued under this subsection for operation of a vehicle
14 combination exceeding 110 feet in overall length or for movement of a mobile home,
15 manufactured home, or modular home exceeding 80 feet in length. A permit may be
16 issued under this subsection for the movement of more than one modular home
17 section on a carrier if each home section is a component of the same home as
18 evidenced by serial numbers or other distinguishing marks and the overall
19 dimensions of the load will not exceed the size limits specified in the permit.

20 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

