



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 119
[2005 Senate Bill 45]

**Operating Certain Three-Vehicle
Combinations on Highways**

Current law generally prohibits any person from driving a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless the driver possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). The DOT may issue annual or consecutive month permits for certain three-vehicle combinations that consist of the following vehicles:

1. A towing vehicle.
2. A mobile home or camping trailer.
3. A trailer for a personal recreational vehicle.

Under *current law*, 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 occupy the last position in the three-vehicle combination. The towed vehicles must be for the use of the driver of the towing vehicle. A three-vehicle combination may not be operated if specified highway or weather conditions are present. [s. 348.27 (7m), Stats.]

2005 Wisconsin Act 119 increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet if the middle vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold it.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.