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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2005 Assembly Bill 556**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, with limited exceptions, no one may operate a single vehicle that exceeds 40 feet in length without obtaining a permit from the Department of Transportation. One exception allows a person to operate, without a permit, a two-vehicle combination transporting livestock if the trailer is not longer than 53 feet, the trailer axles are either separated by at least eight feet or are three axles in tandem, and the towing vehicle is not a truck or tractor that weighs 10,000 pounds or less.

With reference to the two-vehicle livestock combination exception, *Assembly Bill 556* eliminates the requirement that the trailer axles be separated by at least eight feet or be three axles in tandem, and instead replaces it with the requirement that the trailer be equipped with at least two axles.

*Assembly Amendment 1* specifies that a two-vehicle combination within this exception must be *designed and primarily used for* transporting livestock (i.e., adds “designed and primarily used for”).

### Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Highway Safety held a public hearing on the bill on August 31, 2005. The committee took executive action on the bill on September 14, 2005, and adopted Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 2, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0.

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