AN ACT to amend 348.27 (9) (a); and to create 348.01 (2) (ax) of the statutes; relating to: annual or consecutive month permits for vehicles or combinations of vehicles transporting loads near the Wisconsin–Michigan border.

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

SECTION 1. 348.01 (2) (ax) of the statutes is created to read:

348.01 (2) (ax) “Forestry biomass” has the meaning given in s. 26.385 (1).

SECTION 2. 348.27 (9) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.27 (9) (a) The department may issue annual or consecutive month permits for the transportation on a vehicle or combination of vehicles of loads exceeding statutory length or weight limitations over any class of highway for a distance not to exceed 11 miles from the Michigan–Wisconsin state line, except that a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting exclusively peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise, wood chips, or forestry biomass may operate under such a permit anywhere upon USH 2 in Iron County or Ashland County or upon USH 2 in Bayfield County from the Ashland County line through Hart Lake Road if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is traveling between this state and Michigan and does not violate length or weight limitations established, as of April 28, 2004, under Michigan law. If the roads desired to be used by the applicants involve streets or highways other than those within the state trunk highway system, the application shall be accompanied by a written statement of route approval by the officer in charge of maintenance of the other highway.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

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

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2005–06 : 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 as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].