

**ASSEMBLY BILL 253 (LRB -2701)**

An Act to repeal 348.27 (5) (title); and to renumber and amend 348.27 (5) of the statutes; relating to: the maximum permissible length of vehicles carrying poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials on highways. (FE)

**2011**

09-15.	A.	Introduced by Representatives <b>Petrowski, Ripp, Brooks, Kooyenga, Mursau</b> and <b>Spanbauer</b> ; cosponsored by Senators <b>Lazich, Galloway</b> and <b>Lasee</b> .	
09-15.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation .....	515
09-16.	A.	Representative <b>Ballweg</b> added as a coauthor .....	518
09-20.	A.	Public hearing held.	
09-22.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
09-27.	A.	Executive action taken.	
10-03.	A.	Report passage recommended by committee on Transportation, Ayes 15, Noes 0 .....	539
10-03.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules .....	539
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10-18.	A.	Placed on calendar 10-20-2011 by committee on Rules.	
10-20.	A.	Read a second time .....	592
10-20.	A.	Assembly amendment 1 <b>adopted</b> .....	592
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10-20.	A.	Assembly amendment 2 laid on table, Ayes 60, Noes 36 .....	592
10-20.	A.	Ordered to a third reading .....	592
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10-20.	A.	Read a third time and <b>passed</b> .....	592
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10-21.	S.	Received from Assembly .....	523
10-21.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Senate Organization .....	524
10-21.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
10-24.	S.	Referred to joint committee on Finance by committee on Senate Organization, pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), Ayes 5, Noes 0 .....	526
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10-25.	S.	Read a second time .....	535
10-25.	S.	Ordered to a third reading .....	535
10-25.	S.	Rules suspended .....	535
10-25.	S.	Read a third time and <b>concurred in</b> , Ayes 33, Noes 0 .....	535
10-27.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged.	
10-27.	A.	Received from Senate concurred in.	

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## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 253

September 15, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives PETROWSKI, RIPP, BROOKS, KOOYENGA, MURSAU and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senators LAZICH, GALLOWAY and LASEE. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 348.27 (5) (title); and **to renumber and amend** 348.27 (5) of  
2 the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum permissible length of vehicles carrying  
3 poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials on highways.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, no person may operate on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 40 feet or any combination of two vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 feet, unless an exception applies or the person has a permit to exceed these lengths. Subject to certain restrictions, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may issue an annual or consecutive month permit to pipeline companies or operators or public service corporations for transportation of poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials and to companies and individuals hauling peeled or unpeeled pole-length forest products used in its business (pole and pipe permit).

This bill eliminates the issuance by DOT of pole and pipe permits and authorizes the operation of certain overlength vehicles without a permit. The bill allows a person to operate, without a permit, a single vehicle with an overall length not exceeding 60 feet, and a two-vehicle combination with an overall length not exceeding 120 feet, if the vehicle or vehicle combination is used by a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, municipal utility, or public utility cooperative (collectively a "utility"), or by a motor carrier operating under contract with a utility, for transportation of poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials.

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For further information see the *state* 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. 348.27 (5) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

2 SECTION 2. 348.27 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 348.07 (2) (k) and amended  
3 to read:

4 348.07 (2) (k) ~~Except as further provided in this subsection, the department~~  
5 ~~may issue an annual or consecutive month permit to~~ Sixty feet for a single vehicle,  
6 and 120 feet for a 2-vehicle combination, used by a pipeline companies or operators  
7 or company or operator, public service corporations corporation, municipal utility, or  
8 public utility cooperative, or by a motor carrier operating under contract with a  
9 pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, municipal utility, or public  
10 utility cooperative, for transportation of poles, pipe, girders and similar materials  
11 ~~and to companies and individuals hauling peeled or unpeeled pole-length forest~~  
12 ~~products used in its business. Such permits issued to companies and individuals~~  
13 ~~hauling peeled or unpeeled pole-length forest products shall limit the length of~~  
14 ~~vehicle and load to a maximum of 10 feet in excess of the limitations in s. 348.07 (1)~~  
15 ~~and shall be valid only on a class "A" highway as defined in s. 348.15 (1). Permits~~  
16 ~~issued to companies or individuals hauling pole-length forest products may not~~  
17 ~~exempt such companies or individuals from the maximum limitations on vehicle load~~  
18 ~~imposed by this chapter.~~

19 SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

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association described in s. 196.01  
(5)(b) 1.

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association described in s. 196.01  
(5)(b) 1.

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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 253

October 18, 2011 – Offered by Representative PETROWSKI.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 2, line 8: delete “public utility cooperative” and substitute “cooperative  
3 association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1.”.

4 **2.** Page 2, line 9: delete “or public” and substitute “or”.

5 **3.** Page 2, line 10: delete “utility cooperative” and substitute “cooperative  
6 association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1.”.

7 (END)