



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 267

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 348.27 (7m); and *to create* 348.01 (2) (d) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** operating certain three-vehicle combinations on the
3 highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 348.01 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

5 348.01 (2) (d) "Vehicle for recreational use" includes a bicycle, moped, motor
6 bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, boat, as defined in s. 30.50 (2),
7 sailboard, as defined in s. 30.50 (11), personal watercraft, or electric personal
8 assistive mobility device, but does not include an automobile, motor truck, motor
9 home, play vehicle, or in-line skates.

10 **SECTION 2.** 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 348.08 (1) (i) and
11 amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 267**SECTION 2**

1 348.08 (1) (i) ~~The department may issue an annual or consecutive month~~
2 ~~permit for the movement of a~~ A 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle
3 ~~and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in~~
4 ~~the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a recreational vehicle or~~
5 ~~camping trailer~~ as the 2nd vehicle, and a recreational vehicle, camping trailer, or
6 ~~trailer for a personal recreational vehicle, carrying any vehicle for recreational use~~
7 ~~or carrying no load as the 3rd vehicle may, without a permit, be operated on a~~
8 ~~highway if the overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 60~~ 65 feet
9 ~~or, if the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination and, if the total weight, including~~
10 ~~any load, of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000 pounds, one of the towed vehicles is~~
11 ~~equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold it,~~
12 ~~does not exceed 65 feet, and the towed vehicles are for the use of the operator of the~~
13 ~~towing vehicle. A permit under this subsection may be issued only by the~~
14 ~~department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate~~
15 ~~the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under~~
16 ~~this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this subsection~~
17 ~~shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40~~
18 ~~fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation. No~~
19 ~~3-vehicle combination may operate under this paragraph if highway or weather~~
20 ~~conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high winds, limited visibility,~~
21 ~~or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by the department due to highway~~
22 ~~conditions.~~

23 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

