

## 2013 DRAFTING REQUEST

**Bill**

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Wanted: <b>As time permits</b>	Same as LRB:
For: <b>Sheila Harsdorf (608) 266-7745</b>	By/Representing: <b>Brooke</b>
May Contact:	Drafter: <b>agary</b>
Subject: <b>Transportation - motor vehicles</b> <b>Transportation - traffic laws</b>	Addl. Drafters:
	Extra Copies: <b>EVM</b>

Submit via email: **YES**  
 Requester's email: **Sen.Harsdorf@legis.wisconsin.gov**  
 Carbon copy (CC) to: **aaron.gary@legis.wisconsin.gov**

**Pre Topic:**

No specific pre topic given

**Topic:**

Three-vehicle combinations up to 70 feet in length

**Instructions:**

Wants redraft of 2011 SB-261, with SA2

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**Gary, Aaron**

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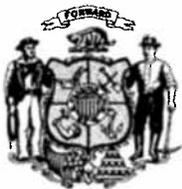
**From:** Froelich, Brooke  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2012 4:28 PM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** Three Vehicle Legislation

Hi Aaron,

I just wanted to get back to you on your question about the amendments from last year. Yes, we would like the amendments from last year in the new draft. Thanks!

*Brooke Froelich*

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

*Editors: Because of significant changes to current law and extent of amendment, it was easier to do this "redraft" as a new document*

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*gen cat*

1 AN ACT *gen cat*; relating to: operating certain three-vehicle combinations on  
2 highways.

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Current law generally prohibits any person from operating a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless an exception applies or the operator holds an appropriate permit issued by the Department of Transportation.

*One*

\* **An** exception allows a person to operate, without a permit, a three-vehicle combination consisting of the following:

1. A towing vehicle.
2. A recreational vehicle or camping trailer.
3. Another recreational vehicle or camping trailer, or a trailer carrying any vehicle for recreational use or carrying no load. A "vehicle for recreational use" is defined to include a bicycle, moped, motor bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, boat, sailboard, personal watercraft, or electric personal assistive mobility device, but does not include an automobile, motor truck, motor home, play vehicle, or in-line skates.

Current law requires the heavier of the towed vehicles to occupy the middle position of the three-vehicle combination unless it is not structurally possible. The overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 65 feet and, if the total loaded weight of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000 pounds, one of the towed vehicles must be equipped with brakes. A three-vehicle combination may not be operated if specified highway or weather conditions are present.

This bill provides additional authority for the operation of certain three-vehicle combinations, without a permit, in a configuration, and with limitations, different

*an exception \* y*

*utility terrain vehicle*

~~from that described above.~~ The bill allows a person at least 18 years of age to operate a three-vehicle combination not exceeding 70 feet in overall length if the towing vehicle serving as the power unit is equipped with a fifth wheel coupling, the second vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is a recreational vehicle or camping trailer, and the third vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is a trailer carrying any vehicle for recreational use, carrying equestrian equipment or equestrian supplies for recreational purposes, or carrying no load. If the total weight of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000 pounds, the second or third vehicle in the three-vehicle combination must also be equipped with brakes. ~~All other~~ three-vehicle combinations, <sup>These</sup> ~~this~~ configuration of three-vehicle combination may not be operated if specified highway or weather conditions are present.

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. 348.08 (1) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

2           348.08 (1) (j) A 3-vehicle combination not exceeding 70 feet in overall length  
 3           may, without a permit, be operated on a highway by a person at least 18 years of age  
 4           if the towing vehicle serving as the power unit is equipped with a 5th wheel and  
 5           kingpin connection by which the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is drawn,  
 6           the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is a recreational vehicle or camping  
 7           trailer, including any combination camping-horse trailer, the 3rd vehicle in the  
 8           3-vehicle combination is a trailer carrying any vehicle for recreational use, carrying  
 9           equestrian equipment or equestrian supplies for recreational purposes, or carrying  
 10          no load, and the 2nd or 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is equipped with  
 11          brakes if the total weight, including any load, of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000  
 12          pounds. No 3-vehicle combination may operate under this paragraph if highway or  
 13          weather conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high winds, <sup>limited</sup> ~~or~~  
 14          visibility, or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by the department due  
 15          to highway conditions.



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**Gary, Aaron**

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**From:** Froelich, Brooke  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2013 10:57 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** Three Vehicle Combination

Hi Aaron,

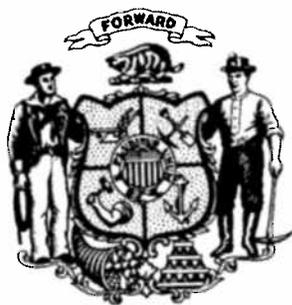
As I said in my voicemail, there are a couple of possible changes that we would like to make to this legislation that follows along with 2011 Act 59.

- ↘ 1. Drop the requirement that requires the operator to be 18 so that it mirrors Act 59
- ↘ 2. Allow the 3<sup>rd</sup> vehicle to be a recreational vehicle or camping trailer. This is so that there is no confusion between this bill and Act 59
- ↘ 3. Change "carrying equestrian equipment or equestrian supplies for recreational purposes" to "carrying equestrian equipment AND equestrian supplies for recreational purposes."
- ↘ 4. Change the language regarding total weight of 3,000 pounds to be identical to the provision in Act 59
- ↘ 5. Again change the language in our bill regarding weather to be identical to the provision in Act 59. I think it is changing and OR in the clause.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

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# State of Wisconsin



2011 Assembly Bill 267

Date of enactment: November 9, 2011  
Date of publication\*: November 23, 2011

## 2011 WISCONSIN ACT 59

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

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

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

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

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

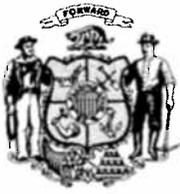
348.08 (1) (i) ~~The department may issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a~~ A 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a recreational vehicle or camping trailer as the 2nd vehicle, and a recreational vehicle, camping trailer, or trailer for a personal recreational vehicle, carrying any vehicle for recreational use or carrying no load as the 3rd vehicle may, without a permit, be operated on a highway if the overall length of the

combination of vehicles does not exceed ~~60~~ 65 feet or, if the ~~2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination and, if the total weight, including any load, of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000 pounds, one of the towed vehicles is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold it, does not exceed 65 feet, and the towed vehicles are for the use of the operator of the towing vehicle.~~ A permit under this subsection may be issued ~~only by the department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this subsection shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation.~~ No 3-vehicle combination may operate under this paragraph if highway or weather conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high winds, limited visibility, or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by the department due to highway conditions.

### SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to 3-vehicle combinations operated on the effective date of this subsection.

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2009-10: 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].



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2013 BILL

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This bill provides an exception for the operation of certain additional three-vehicle combinations without a permit. The bill allows a person at least 18 years of age to operate a three-vehicle combination without a permit.

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*without a permit,*

✕ years of age to operate a three-vehicle combination not exceeding 70 feet in overall length if the towing vehicle serving as the power unit is equipped with a fifth wheel coupling, the second vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is a recreational vehicle or camping trailer, and the third vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is a trailer carrying any vehicle for recreational use, carrying equestrian equipment <sup>on</sup> <sup>insert ANAL-A</sup> and equestrian supplies for recreational purposes, or carrying no load. If the total weight of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000 pounds, the second or third vehicle in the three-vehicle combination <sup>loaded</sup> must also be equipped with brakes. These three-vehicle combinations may not be operated if specified highway or weather conditions are present.

*insert ANAL-B*

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8 3-vehicle combination is a trailer carrying any vehicle for recreational use, carrying

9 equestrian equipment <sup>insert 2-8</sup> and equestrian supplies for recreational purposes, or carrying

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11 brakes if the total weight, including, any load, of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000

12 pounds. No 3-vehicle combination may operate under this paragraph if highway or

13 weather conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high winds, or

14 limited visibility, or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by the

15 department due to highway conditions.

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**Rose, Stefanie**

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**Sent:** Friday, January 11, 2013 2:53 PM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB -0579/2 Topic: Three-vehicle combinations up to 70 feet in length

Please Jacket LRB -0579/2 for the SENATE.