



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 114
[2017 Senate Bill 186]

**Milwaukee County “High-Wide
Route”**

2017 Wisconsin Act 114 establishes a route in Milwaukee County for the transportation of “high-wide loads.” “High-wide load” is defined, by the Act, as a motor vehicle transporting property on any portion of the high-wide route if the vehicle exceeds statutory size limitations and no portion of the motor vehicle or the transported property has a greater width than 28 feet or a greater height than 23 feet. The route begins at the intersection of South 70th Street and West Washington Street in West Allis and ends at the northern terminus of South Car Ferry Drive in Milwaukee.

The Act generally does the following:

- Requires a person to obtain a permit from a political subdivision in which any portion of the high-wide route is located before installing any permanent structure within the “affected area.” “Affected area” is defined as the entire width of the right-of-way of the route extended to a height of 23 feet above the roadway. The permit must require the permittee, upon request, to remove any obstruction to the use of the route by a high-wide load within five days notice without cost to the user of the route for a high-wide load.
- Prohibits a person from taking any action that would make any portion of the affected area permanently unavailable for use by a high-wide load.
- Provides a procedure that requires a person who intends to use the route to operate a high-wide load to notify a political subdivision in which any portion of the route is located and all owners of conflicting obstructions at least eight days before the intended use. The owner of a conflicting obstruction must then remove the obstruction before the date provided in the notice.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

- Authorizes the City of Milwaukee to designate temporary route changes to the high-wide route. The city must consult with all political subdivisions in which any portion of the route is located before designating a temporary route.
- Requires political subdivisions in which any portion of the route is located to attempt to reach agreements among themselves and with persons using the route for high-wide loads regarding the allocation of costs and provision of services related to removing permanent structures that interfere with the use of any portion of the affected area by high-wide loads.
- Clarifies that the Act does not affect the limitations on vehicle size, weight, and load under ch. 348, Stats.

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