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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**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 70<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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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