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**CHAPTER 437.**

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 85.47 (1) of the statutes, relating to weight limitations.

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

85.47 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

85.47 (1) (a) Every vehicle operated singly or in a combination of vehicles and every combination of vehicles operated on Class "A" highways in this state must comply with the provisions of this subsection. It is the intent of this subsection that for vehicles and combination of vehicles operated on Class "A" highways in the state the gross weight with load of any axle shall not exceed 18,000 pounds and the gross weight

with load of any group of 2 or more axles shall not exceed 26,000 pounds plus 1,000 pounds for each foot of distance measured longitudinally to the nearest foot between the foremost and rearmost of the axles of the particular group under consideration. In recognition of practical operating problems of possible accumulation of weight of snow, ice, mud, dirt, tire chains, minor shifting of load in transport or all or any other reasons the maximum gross wheel and axle weight and gross weight of vehicle or combination of vehicles set forth in paragraphs (c) and (d) are maxima and include all tolerances allowable in enforcement and judging violation of the law.

(b) As used in this section, an axle is defined as including all wheels of a vehicle imposing weight on the highway, the centers of which are included between 2 parallel transverse vertical planes 40 inches apart, extending across the full width of vehicle and load.

(c) For enforcement purposes only and to provide for practical operating problems and tolerances of every nature, no summons or complaint shall be issued, served or enforced under paragraph (a) herein unless the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels on any one axle of a vehicle shall exceed 19,500 pounds. In no case shall the gross weight upon any one wheel, or multiple wheels, supporting one end of an axle and resting on the roadway exceed 10,000 pounds.

(d) For enforcement purposes only and to provide for practical operating problems and tolerances of every nature, no summons or complaint shall be issued, served or enforced under paragraph (a) herein unless the total gross weight with load imposed on the highway by any group of 2 or more consecutive axles of a vehicle or a combination of vehicles, subject to the maximum load on any one axle as specified in paragraph (c), shall exceed that given for the respective distances in the following table:

Distances in Feet between First and Last Axles of Group under consideration	Maximum Allowed Load in Pounds on Group of Axles
4 .....	32,000
5 .....	32,000
6 .....	32,000
7 .....	33,000
8 .....	35,000
9 .....	37,000
10 .....	38,000
11 .....	39,000
12 .....	43,000
13 .....	44,000
14 .....	45,000
15 .....	46,000
16 .....	47,000
17 .....	48,000
18 .....	49,000
19 .....	50,000
20 .....	51,500
21 .....	52,000
22 .....	52,500
23 .....	53,000
24 .....	53,500
25 .....	54,000
26 .....	54,500
27 .....	55,000
28 .....	56,000
29 .....	57,000
30 .....	58,000
31 .....	59,000
32 .....	60,000
33 .....	61,000
34 .....	62,000
35 .....	63,000
36 .....	64,000
37 .....	65,000
38 .....	66,000
39 .....	67,000
40 and over .....	68,000

The distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest even foot. When a fraction is exactly one-half foot, the next larger whole number shall be used.

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