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CHAPTER 572

AN ACT to amend 85.45 (3) and (4) of the statutes, relating to the operation of agricultural trailers.

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

85.45 (3) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

85.45 (3) The commissioner of public works of any city of the first class or in other units of government the officer in charge of the maintenance of the highway desired to be used, is authorized to issue permits for the operation of trains consisting of truck tractors, tractors, trailers, semitrailers or wagons when such train does not exceed a total length of 100 feet on such highways as may be designated in the permit. When highways outside of the corporate limits of cities and villages are used, such permit shall have the approval of the state highway commission. Whenever a trailer train operating under this subsection or under a special permit crosses an intersection of an artery for through traffic or a street railway, such intersection shall be flagged. * * * *Trailers used primarily as implements of husbandry in connection with seasonal agricultural activities may, without a permit, be operated in a train consisting of not more than 2 trailers, or one trailer and any other implement of husbandry, plus a farm tractor, provided that such operations are not for the transportation of property for hire and are performed exclusively as a farming operation, and that the overall length does not exceed 55 feet.*

(4) EQUIPMENT FOR TRAILER TRAINS. Trains operating under sub. (3) * * * shall carry in addition to the lights prescribed by ss. 85.06 and 85.07 and by the existing ordinances of the municipalities in which they are operating, a red light or approved reflective signal on each side of each trailer so placed as to make the trailer visible from all sides. *On the rear vehicle of trains there shall be displayed a red flag, at least 12 inches square, on each rear corner, and when crossing a public highway with such train the operator thereof shall place a like flag along the roadside at points approximately 125 feet in each direction from the place of such crossing. Units operating under sub. (3) shall comply with s. 85.56 and in addition hitches shall be of positive nature so as to prevent accidental release.*

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