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AN ACT to repeal 341.25 (2m) and 348.16 (2) (a) to (c); to amend 341.25 (2), 348.15 (1) (a), (2) (a) and (c), (3) (a), as amended by chapter 542, laws of 1959, and (c) and (4), 348.16 (1) (a) and (2) (intro. par.), 348.21 (2) and (3) (intro. par.); and to create 348.15 (2) (d), (3) (d) and (5m) of the statutes, relating to weight limitations on certain vehicles on class "A" and "B" highways.

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

SECTION 1. 341.25 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.25 (2) The following schedule shall be used in determining fees based on gross weight:

Maximum gross weight in pounds.	Annual fee
Not more than 3,000	\$ 16
Not more than 4,500	25
Not more than 6,000	35
Not more than 8,000	55
Not more than 10,000	90
Not more than 12,000	115
Not more than 14,000	140
Not more than 16,000	165
Not more than 18,000	190
Not more than 20,000	215
Not more than 22,000	240
Not more than 24,000	265
Not more than 26,000	290
Not more than 28,000	315
Not more than 30,000	350
Not more than 32,000	375
Not more than 34,000	400
Not more than 36,000	425
Not more than 38,000	450
Not more than 40,000	475
Not more than 42,000	500
Not more than 44,000	535
Not more than 46,000	560
Not more than 48,000	585
Not more than 50,000	610
Not more than 52,000	635
Not more than 54,000	660
Not more than 56,000	685
Not more than 58,000	710
Not more than 60,000	735

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Maximum gross weight in pounds	Annual fee
Not more than 62,000 -----	\$ 770
Not more than 64,000 -----	805
Not more than 66,000 -----	840
Not more than 68,000 -----	875
<i>Not more than 70,000 -----</i>	<i>910</i>
<i>Not more than 71,000 -----</i>	<i>930</i>
<i>Not more than 72,000 -----</i>	<i>950</i>
<i>Not more than 73,000 -----</i>	<i>1,000</i>

SECTION 2. 341.25 (2m) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 348.15 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.15 (1) (a) "Axle" includes all wheels of a vehicle imposing weight on the highway, the centers of which are included between 2 parallel transverse vertical planes * * * 42 inches apart, extending across the full width of vehicle and load;

SECTION 4. 348.15 (2) (a) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

348.15 (2) (a) The gross weight imposed on the highway by any * * * wheel or * * * wheels supporting one end of an axle shall not exceed * * * 10,000 pounds * * *;

(c) The gross weight imposed on the highway by any group of 2 or more *consecutive axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles* shall not exceed * * * 95 per cent of the maximum gross weights listed in the tabulations set forth in sub. (3) (c) for the respective distances in feet between the foremost and rearmost axles of a group and the respective numbers of axles in the group under consideration;

SECTION 5. 348.15 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (2) (d) The gross weight imposed on the highway by all axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed 69,350 pounds.

SECTION 6. 348.15 (3) (a) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 542, laws of 1959, is amended to read:

348.15 (3) (a) The gross weight imposed on the highway by any one wheel or multiple wheels supporting one end of an axle exceeds 11,000 pounds * * *; or

SECTION 7. 348.15 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.15 (3) (c) The gross weight imposed on the highway by any group of 2 or more consecutive axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the * * * maximum gross weights in the following table for each of the respective * * * distances between axles and the respective numbers of axles of a group:

Distances in feet between *** fore- most and *** rearmost axles of a group ***	***	Maximum gross weight in pounds on a group of—		
		2 consecutive axles of a 2- axle vehicle or of any ve- hicle or com- bination of vehicles hav- ing a total of 3 or more axles	3 consecutive axles of a 3- axle vehicle or of any ve- hicle or com- bination of vehicles hav- ing a total of 4 or more axles	4 consecutive axles of any combination of vehicles having a total of 5 or more axles
4	***	32,000		
5	***	32,000		
6	***	32,000		
7	***	33,000	37,000	
8	***	35,000	38,500	
9	***	37,000	39,900	
10	***	38,000	41,200	42,500
11	***	39,000*	42,400	44,300
12	***		43,500	46,000
13	***	* Maximum at	44,500	47,600
14	***	11 or more	45,500	49,100
15	***	feet between	46,500	50,500
16	***	axles	47,500	51,800
17	***		48,500	53,000
18	***		49,500	54,100
19	***		50,500	55,100
20	***		51,500	56,000
21	***		52,200	56,800
22	***		52,900	57,600
23	***		53,600	58,400
24	***		54,300	59,200
25	***		55,000	60,000
26	***		55,700	60,800
27	***		56,400	61,600
28	***		57,100	62,400
29	***		57,800	63,200
30	***		58,500**	64,000**
***	***		** Maximum	** Maximum
***	***		at 30 or	at 30 or
***	***		more feet	more feet
***	***		between	between
***	***		axles	axles
***	***			
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SECTION 8. 348.15 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (3) (d) The gross weight imposed on the highway by all axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds 73,000 pounds.

SECTION 9. 348.15 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.15 (4) The maximum weights set forth in sub. (3) include absolutely all tolerances allowable for enforcement purposes and in judging violations of the law. ***

SECTION 10. 348.15 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

348.15 (5m) The distances between axles and between the foremost and rearmost of a group of axles shall be measured between axle centers to the nearest even foot, and when a fraction is exactly one-half foot, the nearest larger whole number shall be used.

SECTION 11. 348.16 (1) (a) and (2) (intro. par.) of the statutes are amended to read:

348.16 (1) (a) "Axle" * * * *includes all wheels of a vehicle imposing weight on the highway, the centers of which are included between 2 parallel transverse vertical planes * * * 42 inches apart;*

(2) (intro. par.) Except as provided in sub. (3) and s. 348.175 and subject to any modifications made by a city of the first class pursuant to s. 349.15 (3), no person, without a permit therefor, shall operate on a class "B" highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles * * * *imposing wheel, axle, group of axles, or gross weight on the highway exceeding 60 per cent of the weights authorized in s. 348.15 (3).*

SECTION 12. 348.16 (2) (a) to (c) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 13. 348.21 (2) and (3) (intro. par.) of the statutes are amended to read:

348.21 (2) Any person who violates * * * s. 348.17 (2) or 348.19 (3) may be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and, for the second or each subsequent conviction within a 12-month period, may be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned not less than 10 nor more than 30 days or both.

(3) (intro. par.) Any person violating * * * s. 348.15 * * * or 348.16 * * * or any weight limitation posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1) may be penalized as follows:

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect on the first day of the quarter following date of publication. Beginning dates of the quarters are January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1.

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