



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2013 Wisconsin Act 364**  
[2013 Assembly Bill 278]

**Definition of Common  
Motor Carrier**

Under prior law, common motor carrier was defined, for the purposes of ch. 194, Stats., - which regulates motor carrier operation in Wisconsin--as “any person who holds himself or herself out to the public as willing to undertake for hire to transport passengers by motor vehicle between fixed end points or over a regular route upon the public highways or property over regular or irregular routes upon the public highways.” Prior law excluded from this definition “the transportation of passengers in taxicab service or in commuter car pool or van pool vehicles with a passenger-carrying capacity of less than 16 persons or in a school bus.”

2013 Wisconsin Act 364 eliminates the distinction the prior definition made between the transport of passengers and the transport of property, instead specifying that a common motor carrier is “any person who holds himself or herself out to the public as willing to undertake for hire to transport passengers or property by motor vehicle upon the public highways.” Act 364 also excludes from the definition of common motor carrier, “the transportation of passengers in taxicab service or commuter car pool or van pool vehicles that are designed to carry less than 8 passengers, including the driver, or in a school bus.”

**Effective date:** 2013 Wisconsin Act 364 took effect on April 25, 2014, and first applies to motor carrier operations occurring on that date.

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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>.