



1995 SENATE BILL 559

February 21, 1996 - Introduced by Senators FITZGERALD, A. LASEE and DRZEWIECKI, cosponsored by Representatives BRANDEMUEHL, MUSSER, LEHMAN, HAHN, ZUKOWSKI, SILBAUGH, RYBA and HASENOHRL. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Agriculture and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 348.07 (2) (g) and 348.07 (4); and *to create* 348.07 (2) (gp) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum permissible length of a semitrailer
3 designed to transport livestock.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with specific exceptions, no person may operate on a highway, as part of a 2-vehicle tractor-semitrailer combination, a semitrailer longer than 48 feet unless the person first obtains a permit for excessive vehicle length.

This bill increases the maximum length limit applicable to a semitrailer designed to transport primarily livestock and operated as part of a 2-vehicle tractor-semitrailer combination without a permit for excessive vehicle length, from 48 feet to 50 feet.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 348.07 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 348.07 (2) (g) 48 feet for a semitrailer or trailer operated as part of a 2-vehicle
6 combination, except as provided in ~~par.~~ pars. (gp) and (gr).

7 **SECTION 2.** 348.07 (2) (gp) of the statutes is created to read:
8 348.07 (2) (gp) 50 feet for a semitrailer that is all of the following:

- 1 1. Designed to transport primarily livestock.
- 2 2. Operated as part of a tractor-semitrailer combination.
- 3 3. Operated on a highway designated under sub. (4).

4 **SECTION 3.** 348.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 348.07 (4) The secretary shall, by rule, designate the highways to which sub.
6 (2) (f), (fm), (gm), (gp) and (gr) and s. 348.08 (1) (e) and (h) apply. The designation
7 of highways under this subsection may not be inconsistent with the designation of
8 highways made by the U.S. secretary of transportation under ~~P.L. 97-424, section~~
9 ~~411~~ 49 USC 2311. The secretary may also designate additional highways by rule.
10 In adopting a rule designating other highways, which may include 2-lane highways,
11 the secretary shall specify the factors which resulted in the determination to
12 designate the highways. These factors shall include, but are not limited to, safety,
13 economics, energy savings, industry productivity and competition. Vehicles to which
14 sub. (2) (f), (fm), (gm), (gp) and (gr) and s. 348.08 (1) (e) and (h) apply may also operate
15 on undesignated highways for a distance of 5 miles or less in order to obtain access
16 to a designated highway or to reach fuel, food, maintenance, repair, rest, staging,
17 terminal or vehicle assembly facilities or points of loading or unloading. The
18 secretary may, by rule, designate an access route of more than 5 miles from a
19 designated highway when the longer route provides safer and better access to a
20 location which is within the 5-mile limit. Household goods carriers may operate
21 between highways designated in this subsection and points of loading and
22 unloading.

23 (END)