

# State of Wisconsin



2011 Assembly Bill 254

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## 2011 WISCONSIN ACT 54

AN ACT *to repeal* 348.07 (2) (c); and *to amend* 194.32 and 348.07 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum permissible length of single vehicles operated on a highway without an overlength permit.

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

**SECTION 1.** 194.32 of the statutes is amended to read:

**194.32 Buses, restrictions.** No common motor carrier of passengers shall operate any passenger-carrying bus over any public highway of this state with any trailer or semitrailer attached except for an articulated bus as defined in s. 340.01 (2m). Except for an articulated bus as defined in s. 340.01 (2m) which may be 65 feet in length, no interurban motor bus which exceeds ~~40~~ 45 feet in length or 8 feet 6 inches in width or is of a double-decked open-roof design shall be operated upon the public highways under the authority of this chapter. As used in this section an interurban motor bus is deemed to be of a "double-decked open-roof design" when passengers are carried therein on an upper level throughout the length of the bus over passengers on a lower level throughout the length of the bus and the bus roof does not

extend throughout the length of the bus or is not permanently enclosed with rigid construction.

**SECTION 2.** 348.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.07 (1) No person, without a permit therefor, may operate on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of ~~40~~ 45 feet or any combination of 2 vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 feet, except as otherwise provided in subs. (2) and (2a).

**SECTION 3.** 348.07 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to violations committed on the effective date of this subsection, but does not preclude the counting of other violations as prior violations for purposes of sentencing a person.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.**

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2009-10 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].