



1995 SENATE BILL 451

December 13, 1995 - Introduced by Senator MOEN, by request of Bruce Willett of Eau Claire. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Agriculture and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 346.57 (4) (gm); *to amend* 346.57 (6) (b) and
2 349.11 (2) (a); and *to create* 346.57 (4) (gm) 2. and 346.57 (6) (c) of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** establishing a speed limit of 55 miles per hour for certain vehicle
4 combinations on freeways with a maximum speed limit of 65 miles per hour.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides for a speed limit of 65 miles per hour on any freeway for which a speed limit of 65 miles per hour is provided under federal law, as determined by the department of transportation (DOT). A person who violates the 65 miles per hour speed limit may be required to forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than \$300.

This bill establishes, on freeways with a 65 miles per hour speed limit, a speed limit of 55 miles per hour for any commercial motor vehicle that is a tractor-semitrailer combination, a double bottom (a 3-vehicle combination) or an automobile haulaway (a 2-vehicle combination used to transport operational motor vehicles). The speed limit of 55 miles per hour does not apply unless DOT posts signs indicating that the limit applies to such vehicles. A person who violates this 55 miles per hour speed limit may be required to forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than \$300.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 346.57 (4) (gm) of the statutes is renumbered 346.57 (4) (gm) 1. and
6 amended to read:

