

## 1999 SENATE BILL 448

March 7, 2000 – Introduced by Senator CLAUSING, cosponsored by Representative RHOADES. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 348.27 (9r); *to amend* 348.27 (9r) (title); and  
2             *to create* 348.27 (9r) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** size and weight  
3             limitations for vehicles and combinations of vehicles transporting biosolids  
4             from a facility that recycles or processes metallic or nonmetallic scrap.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) may issue annual and consecutive month permits authorizing certain vehicles and combinations of vehicles that exceed size, weight or load limitations to operate upon a highway. One such permit authorizes the operation of oversize or overweight vehicles and combinations of vehicles that are transporting metallic or nonmetallic scrap for the purpose of recycling or processing.

This bill authorizes DOT to issue annual or consecutive month permits for the transport of oversize or overweight vehicles and combinations of vehicles transporting biosolids from a facility that recycles or processes metallic or nonmetallic scrap. Like other permits authorizing the operation of oversize or overweight vehicles, the permit is not valid on highways designated as part of the national system of interstate or defense highways.

Because this bill concerns an exception to the vehicle weight limits specified in chapter 348 of the Wisconsin Statutes, DOT, as required by law, will prepare a report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 348.27 (9r) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           348.27 **(9r)** (title) TRANSPORTATION OF SCRAP AND ITS BYPRODUCTS.

3           **SECTION 2.** 348.27 (9r) of the statutes is renumbered 348.27 (9r) (a) and  
4 amended to read:

5           348.27 **(9r)** (a) The department may issue an annual or consecutive month  
6 permit for the transportation of metallic or nonmetallic scrap for the purpose of  
7 recycling or processing on a vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds  
8 statutory weight or length limitations and for the return of the vehicle or  
9 combination of vehicles when empty. This ~~subsection~~ paragraph does not apply to  
10 the transportation of scrap on highways designated as part of the national system  
11 of interstate and defense highways, except for that portion of USH 51 between  
12 Wausau and STH 78 and that portion of STH 78 between USH 51 and the I 90/94  
13 interchange near Portage upon their federal designation as I 39.

14           **SECTION 3.** 348.27 (9r) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

15           348.27 **(9r)** (b) 1. In this paragraph, “biosolids” means the solid, semisolid or  
16 liquid residue generated during the recycling or processing of metallic or nonmetallic  
17 scrap.

18           2. The department may issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the  
19 transportation of biosolids from the facility that generated the biosolids. The  
20 department may issue the permit for a vehicle or combination of vehicles that  
21 exceeds statutory weight or length limitations. The permit may authorize the

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1 transport of the empty vehicle or empty combination of vehicles to the recycling or  
2 processing facility. This paragraph does not apply to the transportation of biosolids  
3 on highways designated as part of the national system of interstate and defense  
4 highways.

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**(END)**