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AN ACT *to amend* 348.25 (4) (intro.); and *to create* 348.26 (7) of the statutes;

relating to: creating a permit authorizing the operation upon a highway of a

specialized hauling rig that exceeds statutory size and weight limits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

SECTION 1. 348.25 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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348.25 **(4)** (intro.) Except as provided under s. 348.26 (5) or, (6), or (7) or 348.27 (3m), (9), (9m), (9r), (10), (12), or (13), permits shall be issued only for the transporting of a single article or vehicle which exceeds statutory size, weight or load limitations and which cannot reasonably be divided or reduced to comply with statutory size, weight or load limitations, except that:

Section 2. 348.26 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

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348.26 (7) Specialized Hauling Rig Permits. (a) In this subsection, "specialized hauling rig" means a vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that exceeds 100 feet in length and that is designed to transport nondivisible cargo that is exceptionally heavy. A specialized hauling rig is a nondivisible vehicle within the meaning of 23 CFR 658.5.

(b) The department and those local officials who are authorized to issue permits under sub. (2) may issue single trip permits for the operation of overweight or oversize specialized hauling rigs whose unladen cargo-bearing component units are loaded or stacked on one or more of the specialized hauling rig's cargo-bearing component units. A permit issued under this paragraph is valid only while the specialized hauling rig is in transit to the site where the cargo to be transported will be loaded onto the specialized hauling rig, and while in transit from the site where the specialized hauling rig delivered its cargo. Every permit issued under this paragraph shall designate the route to be used by the permittee. No permit issued under this paragraph may authorize the operation of a specialized hauling rig that exceeds 120 feet in length or that exceeds the height limitations under s. 348.06.