

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 147

February 22, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives STONE, GROTHMAN, MONTGOMERY, TOWNSEND, ALBERS, LASSA, SYKORA, PETROWSKI, PETTIS, WADE, GRONEMUS and RYBA, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE and M. MEYER. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 348.25 (4) (intro.); and **to create** 348.26 (7) of the statutes;
 2 **relating to:** creating a permit authorizing the operation upon a highway of a
 3 specialized hauling rig that exceeds statutory size and weight limits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law limits the size and weight of motor vehicles that may be lawfully operated upon a highway. A vehicle may exceed these size and weight limits if the department of transportation (DOT) or the local highway official has issued a permit authorizing the operation of the vehicle and specifying the route and conditions of the operation. This bill authorizes DOT and local highway officials to issue a single trip permit for the operation of vehicles that are stacked on top of one another if the vehicles are cargo-bearing components of a vehicle that is used to transport exceptionally heavy and indivisible cargo; if separating the cargo-bearing component vehicles into separate vehicles is overly time-consuming or renders the combined vehicle unfit for its intended use; and if the vehicle is not overly long or tall.

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

For further information see the ***state and local*** 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:

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

2 348.25 **(4)** (intro.) Except as provided under s. 348.26 (5) ~~or~~, (6), or (7) or 348.27
3 (3m), (9), (9m), (9r), (9t), (10), (12), or (13), permits shall be issued only for the
4 transporting of a single article or vehicle which exceeds statutory size, weight or load
5 limitations and which cannot reasonably be divided or reduced to comply with
6 statutory size, weight or load limitations, except that:

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

8 348.26 **(7)** SPECIALIZED HAULING RIG PERMITS. (a) In this subsection, “specialized
9 hauling rig” means a vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that exceeds 100 feet in
10 length and that is designed to transport nondivisible cargo that is exceptionally
11 heavy. A specialized hauling rig is a nondivisible vehicle within the meaning of 23
12 CFR 658.5.

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

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