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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 274**

November 10, 2003 - Offered by Representative FREESE.

- 1 **AN ACT to repeal 348.27 (7m) (title); and to renumber and amend 348.27 (7m)**
2 **of the statutes; relating to: operating certain 3-vehicle combinations on the**
3 **highways.**

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any person from driving a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless the driver possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT may issue annual or consecutive month permits for certain three-vehicle combinations that consist of the following vehicles:

1. A towing vehicle.
2. A mobile home or camping trailer.
3. A boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer, or all-terrain vehicle trailer.

Under current law, the overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 60 feet and, unless not structurally possible, the lighter of the towed vehicles must occupy the last position in the three-vehicle combination. The towed vehicles must be for the use of the driver of the towing vehicle.

This substitute amendment eliminates the permit requirement for three-vehicle combinations meeting the specified criteria and increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet but, with an exception, requires the middle vehicle in the three-vehicle

combination to be equipped with brakes. Under the exception, a three-vehicle combination that is not equipped with brakes on the middle vehicle may be operated if the middle vehicle is of model year 1995 or earlier and the overall length of the three-vehicle combination does not exceed 60 feet. The substitute amendment also expands the permissible towed vehicles described in item 3 to include golf trailers, horse trailers, and other trailers for vehicles for personal recreational use. The substitute amendment does not allow the operation of these three-vehicle combinations under severe or unsafe highway or weather conditions.

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:

1 SECTION 1. 348.27 (7m) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

2 SECTION 2. 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 348.08 (1) (am) and
3 amended to read:

4 348.08 (1) (am) ~~The department may issue an annual or consecutive month~~
5 ~~permit for the movement of a~~ A 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle
6 and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in
7 the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, [a mobile home or
8 camping trailer, and a boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer or,
9 all-terrain vehicle trailer, golf trailer, horse trailer, or other trailer for a vehicle for
10 personal recreational use, may, without such permit, be operated on a highway if the
11 overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 feet and the 2nd
12 vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is of a model year of 1995 or earlier, or the
13 overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 65 feet and the 2nd
14 vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes adequate to control the
15 movement of and to stop and hold it, and the towed vehicles are for the use of the
16 operator of the towing vehicle. ~~A permit under this subsection may be issued only~~
17 ~~by the department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may~~

1 ~~designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit~~
2 ~~under this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this~~
3 ~~subsection shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except~~
4 ~~that the \$40 fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the~~
5 ~~computation.~~ No 3-vehicle combination may operate under this paragraph if
6 highway or weather conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high
7 winds, limited visibility, or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by the
8 department due to highway conditions.

9 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) This act first applies to 3-vehicle combinations operated on the effective
11 date of this subsection.

12 (END)

**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 274**

February 24, 2004 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION
INFRASTRUCTURE.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill, as shown by assembly substitute
2 amendment 1, as follows:

3 **1.** Page 2, line 2: before that line insert the following, which was deleted by
4 assembly amendment 1:

5 “**SECTION 1.** 348.27 (7m) (title) of the statutes is repealed.”

6 **2.** Page 2, line 2: delete lines 2 and 3, as affected by assembly amendment 1,
7 and substitute:

8 “**SECTION 2.** 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 348.08 (1) (am) and
9 amended to read:”

10 **3.** Page 2, line 4: delete lines 4 and 5, as affected by assembly amendment 1,
11 and substitute:

1 "348.08 (1) (am) ~~The department may issue an annual or consecutive month~~
 2 ~~permit for the movement of a~~ A 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing
 3 vehicle".

^insert here

4 **4.** Page 2, line 16: delete the material beginning with "A permit" and ending
 5 with "computation." on page 3, line 5, as affected by assembly amendment 1, and
 6 substitute "~~A permit under this subsection may be issued only by the department,~~
 7 ~~regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate the routes~~
 8 ~~that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under this~~
 9 ~~subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this subsection shall~~
 10 ~~be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee~~
 11 ~~for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation."~~

12 (END)



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1 At the locations indicated, amend the amendment as follows: ✓

2 1. Page 2, line 3: after that line insert:

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3 "3m. Page 2, line 7: delete the material beginning with "a mobile" and ending
4 with "hold it," on page 2, line 15 and substitute a plain mobile home or camping trailer
5 and a boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer or all-terrain
6 vehicle trailer a trailer for a personal recreational vehicle, if the overall length of the
7 combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 feet". ✓

8 (END)



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4 with "hold it," on line 15 and substitute "a mobile home or camping trailer and a boat
5 trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer
6 trailer for a personal recreational vehicle, if the overall length of the combination of
7 vehicles does not exceed 60 feet".

8 (END)

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1. Page 1, line 3: delete ~~lines 8~~ page 2, line 11, and substitute:

3 "1m. Page 2, line 8: delete the material beginning with "boat trailer" and ending
4 with "hold it," on ^{line} 15 and substitute "boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal
5 watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer for a personal recreational vehicle, if
 the overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 feet".