



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2003 Assembly Bill 274

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1 as Amended by
Assembly Amendment 1**

Memo published: November 17, 2003

Contact: Philip G. Cardis, Staff Attorney (267-0683)

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.

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.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 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.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 modifies the bill in the following manner:

- Allows DOT to issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a three-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle.

- Provides that a permit may be issued only by DOT, regardless of the highways to be used. DOT may designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee for an annual permit shall be used in the computation.

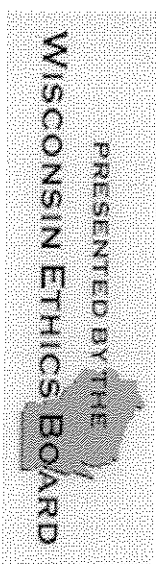
Legislative History

On November 13, 2003, the Assembly adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, as amended by Assembly Amendment 1, on a voice vote.

On November 13, 2003, the Assembly passed the bill as amended on a voice vote.

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golf cart trailers as towed vehicles in 3-vehicle combinations. (FE)

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Vote Record

**Committee on Transportation and Information
Infrastructure**

Date: February 23, 2004
Bill Number: Assembly Bill 274
Moved by: Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure
Motion: *Introduction and Adoption of Senate Amendment 1
(LRBa2150/1) to Assembly Bill 274.*

Committee Member
Senator Mark Meyer

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Mark Meyer

Vote Record

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Date: February 23, 2004
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Motion: *Concurrence of Assembly Bill 274 as amended.*

Committee Member
Senator Mark Meyer

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Committee Member
Senator Roger Breske

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Committee Member
Senator Neal Kedzie

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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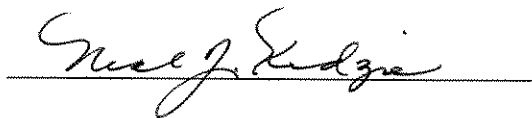
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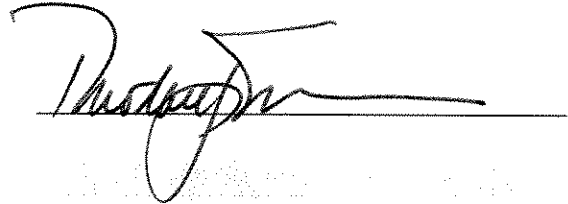
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(LRBa2150/1) to ~~Senate~~ ^{ASSEMBLY} Bill 274.

Committee Member
Senator Ted Kanavas

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Terry C. Anderson, Director
Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director

TO: SENATOR JOSEPH LEIBHAM, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

FROM: Don Salm, Senior Staff Attorney *DS*

RE: Analysis of 2003 Assembly Bill 274, Relating to Operating Certain Three-Vehicle
Combinations on the Highways, as Amended by the Assembly

DATE: February 17, 2004

This memorandum analyzes 2003 Assembly Bill 274, relating to operating certain three-vehicle combinations on the highways, as amended by the Assembly. The bill, as amended by the Assembly, passed the Assembly on a voice vote. The Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure will hold a public hearing on the bill on **Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 300 Southeast, State Capitol.**

CURRENT LAW

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:

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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 274, AS AMENDED BY THE ASSEMBLY

2003 Assembly Bill 274, as amended by the Assembly (hereafter "the bill"), eliminates the permit requirement for three-vehicle combinations meeting specified criteria and increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet but, *with one 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 bill also expands the permissible towed vehicles described in item 3. under "Current Law" to include golf trailers, horse trailers, and other trailers for vehicles for personal recreational use. The bill does not allow the operation of these three-vehicle combinations under severe or unsafe highway or weather conditions.

The bill also:

- Allows DOT to issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a three-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle.
- Provides that a permit may be issued only by DOT, regardless of the highways to be used. DOT may designate the routes that may be used by the permittee.
- Specifies that the fee for an annual permit is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit must be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), Stats., except that the \$40 fee for an annual permit must be used in the computation.
- Provides that if the bill is enacted into law, the new law *first applies* to three-vehicle combinations operated on the effected date of the new law.

If I can be of any further assistance, feel free to contact me at the Legislative Council offices.

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