

SENATE BILL 45 (LRB -0046)

An Act to amend 348.27 (7m) of the statutes; relating to: operating certain 3-vehicle combinations on the highways. (FE)

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10-20.	S.	Introduced by Senators Zien, Brown, Olsen, Harsdorf, A. Lasee and Reynolds ; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Towns, Hines, Van Roy, Gronemus, Gunderson, F. Lasee, Owens, Pettis, Musser, Ballweg, Townsend, Pridemore, Krawczyk and Stone .	
02-02.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Natural Resources and Transportation	62
02-15.	S.	Fiscal estimate received.	
03-17.	S.	Public hearing held.	
04-22.	S.	Report passage recommended by committee on Natural Resources and Transportation, Ayes 5, Noes 0	184
04-22.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
04-28.	S.	Pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), rereferred to the joint committee on Finance	189
09-21.	S.	Executive action taken.	
09-26.	S.	Report passage recommended by joint committee on Finance, Ayes 15, Noes 1	364
09-26.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
09-27.	S.	Placed on calendar 9-28-2005 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1).	
09-28.	S.	Read a second time	376
09-28.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	376
09-28.	S.	Rules suspended	376
09-28.	S.	Read a third time and passed , Ayes 29, Noes 3	376
09-28.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	379
10-03.	A.	Received from Senate	511
10-03.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Transportation	511
10-20.	A.	Public hearing held.	
11-17.	A.	Executive action taken.	
12-09.	A.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Transportation, Ayes 13, Noes 0	662
12-09.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	662

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01-19.	A.	Placed on calendar 1-24-2006 by committee on Rules.	
01-24.	A.	Read a second time	748
01-24.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	748
01-24.	A.	Rules suspended	748
01-24.	A.	Read a third time and concurred in , Ayes 91, Noes 6, Paired 2	748
01-24.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	749
01-25.	S.	Received from Assembly concurred in.	

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February 2, 2005 – Introduced by Senators ZIEN, BROWN, OLSEN, HARSDORF, A. LASEE and REYNOLDS, cosponsored by Representatives SUDER, TOWNS, HINES, VAN ROY, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, F. LASEE, OWENS, PETTIS, MUSSER, BALLWEG, TOWNSEND, PRIDEMORE, KRAWCZYK and STONE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 348.27 (7m) of the statutes; **relating to:** operating certain
2 3-vehicle combinations on the 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 trailer for a personal recreational vehicle.

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. A three-vehicle combination may not be operated if specified highway or weather conditions are present.

This bill increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet if the middle vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes.

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:

SENATE BILL 45**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 348.27 (7m) The department may issue an annual or consecutive month permit
3 for the movement of a 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle and, in
4 order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in the
5 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a mobile home or camping
6 trailer, and a trailer for a personal recreational vehicle, if the overall length of the
7 combination of vehicles does not exceed 60 feet or, if the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle
8 combination is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop
9 and hold it, does not exceed 65 feet, and the towed vehicles are for the use of the
10 operator of the towing vehicle. A permit under this subsection may be issued only
11 by the department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may
12 designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit
13 under this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this
14 subsection shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except
15 that the \$40 fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the
16 computation. No 3-vehicle combination may operate under this paragraph if
17 highway or weather conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high
18 winds, limited visibility, or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by the
19 department due to highway conditions.

20 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

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

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