



2005 SENATE BILL 45

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:

