



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 16
[2007 Senate Bill 209]

**Permits for Vehicles Transporting
Loads Near Wisconsin-Michigan
Border**

Under *current law*, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory limits on size, weight, or load unless that person possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT may issue an annual or consecutive month permit (Michigan border permit) for an oversize or overweight vehicle or combination of vehicles to: (1) transport loads within 11 miles of the Wisconsin-Michigan state line; or (2) transport exclusively *peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise* on USH 2 in Iron County or Ashland County if the vehicle or vehicle combination is traveling between this state and Michigan and does not violate Michigan law.

2007 Wisconsin Act 16 allows a vehicle or vehicle combination operating under a Michigan border permit under the circumstances described in item (2), above, to transport *wood chips or forestry biomass* and to operate the vehicle or vehicle combination on USH 2 in Bayfield County from the Ashland County line through Hart Lake Road.

Effective Date: Act 16 took effect on July 18, 2007.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.