



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Senate Bill 435	Senate Substitute Amendment 1
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Current Law

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory weight limits unless the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) or a local authority.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 requires DOT to issue to qualifying applicants **multiple trip permits** for the transportation of granular roofing material in vehicles or vehicle combinations (vehicles) that exceed, by not more than 10,000 pounds, the generally applicable statutory gross weight limitations of 80,000 pounds. The permit: (1) may not authorize the operation of any vehicle at a maximum gross weight in excess of 90,000 pounds; and (2) is not valid on highways designated as part of the national system of interstate and defense highways **except for up to 2.5 miles of state trunk highways** on each route authorized under the permit.

An **application** for a multiple trip permit must: (1) identify the motor carrier on behalf of which the load is to be transported; and (2) identify the location from which the transportation of the load is to originate, the load's destination, and the route over which the load will be transported. Each multiple trip permit must include as conditions of the permit items (1) and (2), above.

If the designated route includes streets or highways other than those within the state trunk highway system, DOT may only issue the permit if the governing body of each municipality or county having jurisdiction over these streets or highways adopts a resolution approving the transportation of the load over these streets or highways. The DOT must promulgate rules relating to these multiple trip permits.

The DOT may not issue these multiple trip permits after approximately three years from the bill's effective date. The bill, if enacted into law, takes effect on the first day of the 4th month after publication of the new law (except that the DOT rulemaking provisions in the bill take effect immediately).

Legislative History

In executive session on February 20, 2008, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Tourism voted to introduce and adopt Senate Substitute Amendment 1, and to recommend passage of the bill as amended, on votes of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0.

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