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For: **Sheila Harsdorf (608) 266-7745**

By/Representing: **Matt Wuebke**

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Topic:

Three vehicle combinations up to 70 feet in length

Instructions:

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From: Wuebke, Matt
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Gary, Aaron
Subject: Draft request - Extending three-vehicle combination length

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Thanks,
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Matt Wuebke
Office of Sen. Sheila Harsdorf

Minnesota allows certain RV three-vehicle combinations, if **all** of the following conditions are met:

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- The trailer behind the camper is only hauling a watercraft, a motorcycle or motorized bicycle, an off-highway motorcycle, an ATV, a snowmobile, or equestrian equipment/supplies;
- The total combination of vehicles does not exceed 70 feet;
- The driver is at least 18 years of age

Gary, Aaron

From: Wuebke, Matt
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 9:31 AM
To: Gary, Aaron
Subject: RE: Draft request - Extending three-vehicle combination length

Hi Aaron,

We have discussed those bills with their authors and are not seeking an amendment to their bills. We'd like a new bill draft, although you can draft it so that it fits with current statutes and looks more like Wisconsin's law. We can pursue other changes later if we want to include some of Minnesota's provisions.

Thanks,
Matt

From: Gary, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 9:09 PM
To: Wuebke, Matt
Subject: RE: Draft request - Extending three-vehicle combination length

Hi Matt,

Two bills are now active to significantly change the law relating to 3-vehicle combinations. They are AB-267 and SB-194. You may wish to speak with the offices of Sen. Lazich and/or Rep. Petrowski about them. Do you want an amendment drafted to these bills, or do you want an entirely new bill draft? If you want a bill draft, using Minnesota's law as the model may be complicated. I might have to just create a whole new provision devoted to what you describe below, rather than trying to modify existing Wisconsin law (which may not be workable).

Aaron

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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AN ACT ^{Gen} **relating to:** operating certain three-vehicle combinations on ^ethe

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highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally prohibits any person from operating a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless an exception applies or the operator holds an appropriate 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 recreational vehicle 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 or, if the middle vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes, 65 feet. Unless it is 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 operator of the towing vehicle. A three-vehicle combination may not be operated if specified highway or weather conditions are present.

* This bill allows certain three-vehicle combinations to be operated without a
 * permit. The bill allows a person at least 18 years of age to operate a 3-vehicle
 * combination not exceeding 70 feet in overall length if the towing vehicle serving as
 * the power unit is equipped with a 5th wheel coupling, the 2nd vehicle in the
 * 3-vehicle combination is a recreational vehicle or camping trailer, and the 3rd

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~~*~~ vehicle in the ³ ~~3~~-vehicle combination is a trailer carrying any vehicle for recreational use or carrying equestrian equipment or supplies. A "vehicle for recreational use" is defined to include a bicycle, moped, motor bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, boat, sailboard, personal watercraft, or electric personal assistive mobility device, but does not include an automobile, motor truck, motor home, play vehicle, or in-line skates. The bill does not modify current law provisions for ~~*~~ operating ^{of} a three-vehicle combination under an annual or consecutive month permit.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 348.01 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

2 348.01 (2) (d) "Vehicle for recreational use" includes a bicycle, moped, motor
3 bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, boat, as defined in s. 30.50 (2),
4 sailboard, as defined in s. 30.50 (11), personal watercraft, or electric personal
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6 home, play vehicle, or in-line skates.

7 **SECTION 2.** 348.08 (1) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

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9 may, without a permit, be operated on a highway by a person at least 18 years of age
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11 kingpin connection by which the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is drawn,
12 the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is a recreational vehicle or camping
13 trailer, and the 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination is a trailer carrying any
14 vehicle for recreational use or carrying equestrian equipment or supplies.

15 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-2993/P1dn

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ATTN: Matt Wuebke

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September 27, 2011

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From: Wuebke, Matt
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 3:39 PM
To: Gary, Aaron
Subject: LRB-2993/P1 - three vehicle combinations

Hi Aaron,

Could you send LRB-2993/P1 through as a /1 for us to introduce?

Thanks,
Matt

Matt Wuebke
Office of Sen. Sheila Harsdorf



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~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~

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2 operating certain three-vehicle combinations on highways.

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Godwin, Gigi

From: Wuebke, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 3:27 PM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: Draft Review: LRB 11-2993/1 Topic: Three vehicle combinations up to 70 feet in length

Please Jacket LRB 11-2993/1 for the SENATE.