



## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 254

September 15, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives PETROWSKI, ENDSLEY, BALLWEG, BROOKS, MURSAU, A. OTT, RIPP and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senators LAZICH, GALLOWAY, LASEE and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 348.07 (2) (c); and *to amend* 194.32 and 348.07 (1) of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** the maximum permissible length of single vehicles  
3             operated on a highway without an overlength permit.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 40 feet or any combination of two vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 feet, unless the person has a permit to exceed these lengths.

This bill increases, from 40 feet to 45 feet, the maximum overall length of a single vehicle that may be operated on a highway without an overlength permit.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 194.32 of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             **194.32 Buses, restrictions.** No common motor carrier of passengers shall  
6             operate any passenger-carrying bus over any public highway of this state with any

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1 trailer or semitrailer attached except for an articulated bus as defined in s. 340.01  
2 (2m). Except for an articulated bus as defined in s. 340.01 (2m) which may be 65 feet  
3 in length, no interurban motor bus which exceeds ~~40~~ 45 feet in length or 8 feet 6  
4 inches in width or is of a double-decked open-roof design shall be operated upon the  
5 public highways under the authority of this chapter. As used in this section an  
6 interurban motor bus is deemed to be of a “double-decked open-roof design” when  
7 passengers are carried therein on an upper level throughout the length of the bus  
8 over passengers on a lower level throughout the length of the bus and the bus roof  
9 does not extend throughout the length of the bus or is not permanently enclosed with  
10 rigid construction.

11 **SECTION 2.** 348.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 348.07 (1) No person, without a permit therefor, may operate on a highway any  
13 single vehicle with an overall length in excess of ~~40~~ 45 feet or any combination of 2  
14 vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 feet, except as otherwise provided in  
15 subs. (2) and (2a).

16 **SECTION 3.** 348.07 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

17 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

18 (1) This act first applies to violations committed on the effective date of this  
19 subsection, but does not preclude the counting of other violations as prior violations  
20 for purposes of sentencing a person.

21 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

22 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after  
23 publication.

24 (END)