



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2011 Wisconsin Act 55**  
[2011 Senate Bill 222]

### **Permits for Overweight Vehicles Transporting Sealed Containers in International Trade**

*2011 Wisconsin Act 55* authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue single trip, annual, or consecutive month overweight permits for vehicles or vehicle combinations, with six or more axles, which are transporting sealed loads in international trade. A “sealed load” is “a load consisting of a container or vehicle, being transported in international trade, which has been sealed with a tamper-evident seal affixed at the time of the initial loading.” These permits:

- May only be issued by DOT.
- May authorize varying weight limits depending on the number of axles and the distance between the foremost and rearmost axles, but in no case may authorize a load greater than 90,000 pounds.

The Act requires that permit applications be submitted to DOT electronically. The fee for single trip permits is \$30. The fee for annual or consecutive month permits is \$300.

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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/>.