



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 58
[2011 Assembly Bill 248]

Over-Height Loads of Hay or Straw

2011 Wisconsin Act 58 authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue annual or consecutive month permits allowing vehicles transporting loads of hay or straw to exceed the statutory height limitation of 13.5 feet by up to 1 foot in an urban area, as defined by DOT, or by 1.5 feet elsewhere. The permittee must get a written statement of route approval by the officer in charge of maintenance of any local highway on the route and the permit may be issued regardless of whether the load is divisible.

The Act requires that permit applications be submitted to the DOT electronically, allows the DOT to promulgate rules regulating the configuration of the loads carried under these permits and how the loads are to be secured, and generally authorizes general permits to be issued for size or weight exceedances regardless of whether the load being transported is divisible.

Effective date: The substantive provisions of this Act take effect on February 1, 2012

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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/>.