



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 99
[2013 Assembly Bill 282]

**Length of Vehicles That May Be
Operated Without an
Over-Length Permit**

Generally, no person may operate on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 45 feet or any combination of two vehicles with an overall length in excess of 70 feet unless an exception applies or the person has a permit to exceed these lengths. Prior to 2011 Wisconsin Act 243, an exception existed that authorized the operation of “A semitrailer operated as part of a vehicle combination if the semitrailer did not exceed 53 feet, its kingpin-to-axle length did not exceed 43 feet, and it was operated on a highway designated by the Department of Transportation as a long truck route or operated for not more than 15 miles on a highway providing access to a long truck route or to certain services.” 2011 Act 243 repealed this exception. 2013 Wisconsin Act 99 recreates that exception effective retroactively to the effective date of 2011 Act 243.

Effective date: 2013 Wisconsin Act 99 took effect on December 15, 2013 and first applies, retroactively, to vehicles operated on November 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.wisconsin.gov>.