



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 217
2013 Senate Bill 574

Oversize Loads of Propane

Under current law, a person must obtain a permit from the Department of Transportation (DOT) or a local authority to operate on any highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory weight limits. Also under current law, DOT or a local highway authority may impose special weight limits on highways that, due to special or temporary conditions, would likely be seriously damaged or destroyed in the absence of the special limits. In such instances, an overweight permit must expressly authorize the special weight limits to be exceeded.

2013 Wisconsin Act 217 authorizes the DOT to issue permits allowing vehicles transporting loads of propane or heating oil for delivery to residences to exceed the special weight limitations during an energy emergency declared by the Governor.

An energy emergency permit authorizes the operation of vehicles up to 26,000 pounds. The operator is required, to the extent practicable, to deliver propane or heating oil at times of the day when the highways used are the least vulnerable.

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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>.