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1 AN ACT to amend 348.15 (3) (bg), 348.15 (3) (br), 348.15 (3) (bv), 348.15 (3) (e),
2 348.15 (9) (d), 348.15 (9) (e) 3., 348.17 (3), 348.17 (5) (b), 348.17 (6) (b), 348.175,
3 348.19 (2) (b), 348.19 (4), 348.27 (3), 348.27 (4), 348.27 (9m) (a) 1., 348.27 (9r),
4 348.27 (10), 348.27 (15) (a) and 348.27 (19) (c) 4.; and to create 348.01 (2) (bc)
5 of the statutes; relating to: size and weight limits of vehicles operating on the
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17 **SECTION 4.** 348.15 (3) (bv) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
18 is amended to read:

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20 for the transportation of septage, as defined in s. 281.49 (1) (m), the gross weight
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1 more than 14 feet apart, a weight of 7,000 pounds more than is shown in par. (c), but
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3 of interstate and defense highways, except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of~~
4 ~~I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94~~ I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

5 **SECTION 5.** 348.15 (3) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
6 is amended to read:

7 348.15 (3) (e) Notwithstanding pars. (a), (b) and (c), in the case of a vehicle or
8 combination of vehicles transporting exclusively livestock, the gross weight imposed
9 on the highway by the wheels of any one axle or axle group may exceed the applicable
10 weight limitation specified in pars. (a), (b) and (c) by 15% if the gross weight of the
11 vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed the maximum gross weight
12 specified for that vehicle or combination of vehicles under par. (c). This paragraph
13 does not apply to the national system of interstate and defense highways, except for
14 the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94~~ I 39 corridor
15 and the I 41 corridor.

16 **SECTION 6.** 348.15 (9) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 15
17 and 55, is amended to read:

18 348.15 (9) (d) The increased weight allowance for implements of husbandry
19 and agricultural commercial motor vehicles under sub. (3) (b) and (g) does not apply
20 on any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense
21 highways, ~~except for the I 41 corridor.~~ The increased weight allowance for 2-vehicle
22 combinations transporting implements of husbandry or agricultural commercial
23 motor vehicles under sub. (3) (b) and (g) does not apply on any highway that is a part
24 of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

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1 **SECTION 7.** 348.15 (9) (e) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts
2 15 and 55, is amended to read:

3 348.15 (9) (e) 3. Subdivisions 1., 2., and 4. do not apply on any highway that
4 is posted with a weight limitation as provided in s. 348.17 (1). Subdivisions 1. and,
5 ~~2., and 4.~~ do not apply on any highway that is a part of the national system of
6 interstate and defense highways, ~~except for the I 41 corridor. Subdivision 4. does not~~
7 ~~apply on any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense~~
8 ~~highways.~~

9 **SECTION 8.** 348.17 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is
10 amended to read:

11 348.17 (3) During an energy emergency, after consultation with the
12 department of administration, the department may waive the divisible load
13 limitation of s. 348.25 (4) and authorize for a period not to exceed 30 days the
14 operation of overweight vehicles having a registered gross weight of 50,000 pounds
15 or more and carrying energy resources or fuel or milk commodities designated by the
16 governor or a designee, regardless of the highways involved, to conserve energy.
17 Such authorization may only allow weights not more than 10% greater than the gross
18 axle and axle combination weight limitations, and not more than 15% greater than
19 the gross vehicle weight limitations under ss. 348.15 and 348.16. Nothing in this
20 subsection shall be construed to permit the department to waive the requirements
21 of ss. 348.05 to 348.07. This subsection does not apply to vehicles on highways
22 designated as parts of the national system of interstate and defense highways, except
23 for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor~~
24 and the I 41 corridor.

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1 **SECTION 9.** 348.17 (5) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
2 is amended to read:

3 348.17 (5) (b) This subsection does not apply to the national system of
4 interstate and defense highways, except for the I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39
5 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

6 **SECTION 10.** 348.17 (6) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
7 is amended to read:

8 348.17 (6) (b) This subsection does not apply to the national system of
9 interstate and defense highways, ~~except for the I 41 corridor.~~

10 **SECTION 11.** 348.175 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is
11 amended to read:

12 **348.175 Seasonal operation of vehicles hauling peeled or unpeeled**
13 **forest products cut crosswise or abrasives or salt for highway winter**
14 **maintenance.** The transportation of peeled or unpeeled forest products cut
15 crosswise or of abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance in excess of gross
16 weight limitations under s. 348.15 shall be permitted during the winter months
17 when the highways are so frozen that no damage may result thereto by reason of such
18 transportation. If at any time any person is so transporting such products or
19 abrasives or salt upon a class "A" highway in such frozen condition then that person
20 may likewise use a class "B" highway without other limitation, except that chains
21 and other traction devices are prohibited on class "A" highways but such chains and
22 devices may be used in cases of necessity. On the first day that conditions warrant
23 their determination of such frozen condition and freedom of damage to such
24 highways by transportation, the officers or agencies in charge of maintenance of
25 highways shall declare particular highways, or highways within areas of the state,

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1 as eligible for increased weight limitations, and each declaration shall be effective
2 as of 12:01 a.m. on the 2nd day following the declaration. Such declaration shall
3 include the maximum weight on each axle, combination of axles and the gross weight
4 allowed. Any person transporting any such product over any highway of this state
5 under this section is liable to the maintaining authority for any damage caused to
6 such highway. This section does not apply to the national system of interstate and
7 defense highways, except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between USH~~
8 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

9 **SECTION 12.** 348.19 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
10 is amended to read:

11 348.19 (2) (b) If upon weighing a vehicle transporting livestock a traffic officer
12 determines that the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds the limitations imposed by
13 s. 348.15, 348.16 or 348.17 (3) or a limitation posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1), and
14 if the point of apprehension is 15 miles or less from the destination of the vehicle, the
15 traffic officer shall permit the operator of the vehicle to proceed to such destination
16 without requiring the vehicle to be reloaded or unloaded as provided in par. (a). This
17 paragraph does not apply to vehicles transporting livestock on the national system
18 of interstate and defense highways, except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of~~
19 I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

20 **SECTION 13.** 348.19 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
21 is amended to read:

22 348.19 (4) Subsection (1) (b) shall not apply to vehicles transporting peeled or
23 unpeeled forest products on the national, interstate or defense highway systems,
24 except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39~~
25 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

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1 **SECTION 14.** 348.27 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 348.27 (3) GENERAL PERMITS. For good cause in specified instances for specified
3 construction or maintenance operations or for a specified period, the officer or agency
4 in charge of maintenance of a highway may allow loads exceeding the size or weight
5 limitations imposed by this chapter to be hauled on such highway. No such officer
6 or agency shall issue such permits for use of a highway the cost of maintenance of
7 which is paid by a unit of government other than the unit of government which such
8 officer or agency represents. A permit issued by the department under this
9 subsection may authorize transportation of a divisible load on the I 41 corridor but
10 may not authorize transportation of a divisible load on any other interstate highway.

11 **SECTION 15.** 348.27 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
12 is amended to read:

13 348.27 (4) INDUSTRIAL INTERPLANT PERMITS. The department may issue, to
14 industries and to their agent motor carriers owning and operating oversize vehicles
15 in connection with interplant, and from plant to state line, operations in this state,
16 annual or consecutive month permits for the operation of such vehicles over
17 designated routes, provided that such permit shall not be issued under this section
18 to agent motor carriers or, except for the I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between
19 USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor, from plant to state line for
20 vehicles or loads of width exceeding 102 inches upon routes of the national system
21 of interstate and defense highways. If the routes desired to be used by the applicant
22 involve city or village streets or county or town highways, the application shall be
23 accompanied by a written statement of route approval by the officer in charge of
24 maintenance of the highway in question.

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1 **SECTION 16.** 348.27 (9m) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin
2 Act 55, is amended to read:

3 348.27 **(9m)** (a) 1. Raw forest products or of fruits or vegetables from field to
4 storage or processing facilities in vehicles or vehicle combinations that exceed the
5 maximum gross weight limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000
6 pounds. A permit under this subdivision is not valid on highways designated as part
7 of the national system of interstate and defense highways, except on the ~~I 41 corridor~~
8 ~~and on I 39 between STH 29 south of Wausau and the I 90/94 interchange near~~
9 ~~Portage in Marathon, Portage, Waushara, Marquette and Columbia counties~~ I 39
10 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

11 **SECTION 17.** 348.27 (9r) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
12 is amended to read:

13 348.27 **(9r)** TRANSPORTATION OF SCRAP. The department may issue an annual or
14 consecutive month permit for the transportation of metallic or nonmetallic scrap for
15 the purpose of recycling or processing on a vehicle or combination of vehicles which
16 exceeds statutory weight or length limitations and for the return of the vehicle or
17 combination of vehicles when empty. This subsection does not apply to the
18 transportation of scrap on highways designated as part of the national system of
19 interstate and defense highways, except for the ~~I-41 corridor and that portion of I 39~~
20 ~~between USH 51 and I 90/94~~ I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

21 **SECTION 18.** 348.27 (10) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
22 is amended to read:

23 348.27 **(10)** TRANSPORTATION OF GRAIN OR COAL OR IRON. The department may
24 issue annual or consecutive month permits for the transportation of loads of grain,
25 as defined in s. 126.01 (13), coal, iron ore concentrates or alloyed iron on a vehicle or

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1 a combination of 2 or more vehicles that exceeds statutory weight or length
2 limitations and for the return of the empty vehicle or combination of vehicles over
3 any class of highway for a distance not to exceed 5 miles from the Wisconsin state
4 line. If the roads desired to be used by the applicant involve streets or highways other
5 than those within the state trunk highway system, the application shall be
6 accompanied by a written statement of route approval by the officer in charge of
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9 ~~for the I-41 corridor.~~

10 **SECTION 19.** 348.27 (15) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
11 55, is amended to read:

12 348.27 (15) MULTIPLE TRIP PERMITS. (a) The department shall issue to
13 qualifying applicants multiple trip permits for the transportation of granular roofing
14 material in vehicles or vehicle combinations that exceed the maximum gross weight
15 limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000 pounds. A permit issued
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17 combination at a maximum gross weight in excess of 90,000 pounds. A permit under
18 this subsection may be issued only by the department, regardless of the highways to
19 be used. A permit under this subsection is not valid on highways designated as part
20 of the national system of interstate and defense highways except that a permit may
21 be issued that is valid ~~on the I-41 corridor~~ or on not more than 2.5 miles of any state
22 trunk highway if such issuance of the permit is consistent with federal law.

23 **SECTION 20.** 348.27 (19) (c) 4. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
24 55, is amended to read:

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1 348.27 (19) (c) 4. A no-fee permit issued under subd. 1. or 1m. is not valid on
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3 ~~except for the I-41 corridor. A no-fee permit issued under subd. 1m. is not valid on~~
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20 on any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense
21 highways, ~~except for the I 41 corridor.~~ The increased weight allowance for 2-vehicle
22 combinations transporting implements of husbandry or agricultural commercial
23 motor vehicles under sub. (3) (b) and (g) does not apply on any highway that is a part
24 of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

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1 **SECTION 7.** 348.15 (9) (e) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Acts
2 15 and 55, is amended to read:

3 348.15 (9) (e) 3. Subdivisions 1., 2., and 4. do not apply on any highway that
4 is posted with a weight limitation as provided in s. 348.17 (1). Subdivisions 1. ^{no strike} and
5 2. ⁹ and 4. do not apply on any highway that is a ^{unless otherwise specified in sub. 3m} part of the national system of
6 interstate and defense highways, ^{no strike} except for the I 41 corridor. Subdivision 4. does not
7 apply on any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense
8 highways.

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9 **SECTION 8.** 348.17 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is
10 amended to read:

11 348.17 (3) During an energy emergency, after consultation with the
12 department of administration, the department may waive the divisible load
13 limitation of s. 348.25 (4) and authorize for a period not to exceed 30 days the
14 operation of overweight vehicles having a registered gross weight of 50,000 pounds
15 or more and carrying energy resources or fuel or milk commodities designated by the
16 governor or a designee, regardless of the highways involved, to conserve energy.
17 Such authorization may only allow weights not more than 10% greater than the gross
18 axle and axle combination weight limitations, and not more than 15% greater than
19 the gross vehicle weight limitations under ss. 348.15 and 348.16. Nothing in this
20 subsection shall be construed to permit the department to waive the requirements
21 of ss. 348.05 to 348.07. This subsection does not apply to vehicles on highways
22 designated as parts of the national system of interstate and defense highways, except
23 for the I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor
24 and the I 41 corridor.

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SECTION 9

1 **SECTION 9.** 348.17 (5) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
2 is amended to read:

3 348.17 (5) (b). This subsection does not apply to the national system of
4 interstate and defense highways, except for the I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39
5 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

6 **SECTION 10.** 348.17 (6) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
7 is amended to read:

8 348.17 (6) (b) This subsection does not apply to the national system of
9 interstate and defense highways, except for the I 41 corridor.

10 **SECTION 11.** 348.175 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is
11 amended to read:

12 **348.175 Seasonal operation of vehicles hauling peeled or unpeeled**
13 **forest products cut crosswise or abrasives or salt for highway winter**
14 **maintenance.** The transportation of peeled or unpeeled forest products cut
15 crosswise or of abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance in excess of gross
16 weight limitations under s. 348.15 shall be permitted during the winter months
17 when the highways are so frozen that no damage may result thereto by reason of such
18 transportation. If at any time any person is so transporting such products or
19 abrasives or salt upon a class "A" highway in such frozen condition then that person
20 may likewise use a class "B" highway without other limitation, except that chains
21 and other traction devices are prohibited on class "A" highways but such chains and
22 devices may be used in cases of necessity. On the first day that conditions warrant
23 their determination of such frozen condition and freedom of damage to such
24 highways by transportation, the officers or agencies in charge of maintenance of
25 highways shall declare particular highways, or highways within areas of the state,

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1 as eligible for increased weight limitations, and each declaration shall be effective
2 as of 12:01 a.m. on the 2nd day following the declaration. Such declaration shall
3 include the maximum weight on each axle, combination of axles and the gross weight
4 allowed. Any person transporting any such product over any highway of this state
5 under this section is liable to the maintaining authority for any damage caused to
6 such highway. This section does not apply to the national system of interstate and
7 defense highways, except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between USH~~
8 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

9 **SECTION 12.** 348.19 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
10 is amended to read:

11 348.19 (2) (b) If upon weighing a vehicle transporting livestock a traffic officer
12 determines that the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds the limitations imposed by
13 s. 348.15, 348.16 or 348.17 (3) or a limitation posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1), and
14 if the point of apprehension is 15 miles or less from the destination of the vehicle, the
15 traffic officer shall permit the operator of the vehicle to proceed to such destination
16 without requiring the vehicle to be reloaded or unloaded as provided in par. (a). This
17 paragraph does not apply to vehicles transporting livestock on the national system
18 of interstate and defense highways, except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of~~
19 I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

20 **SECTION 13.** 348.19 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
21 is amended to read:

22 348.19 (4) Subsection (1) (b) shall not apply to vehicles transporting peeled or
23 unpeeled forest products on the national, interstate or defense highway systems,
24 except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94 I 39~~
25 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

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1 **SECTION 14.** 348.27 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 348.27 (3) GENERAL PERMITS. For good cause in specified instances for specified
3 construction or maintenance operations or for a specified period, the officer or agency
4 in charge of maintenance of a highway may allow loads exceeding the size or weight
5 limitations imposed by this chapter to be hauled on such highway. No such officer
6 or agency shall issue such permits for use of a highway the cost of maintenance of
7 which is paid by a unit of government other than the unit of government which such
8 officer or agency represents. A permit issued by the department under this
9 subsection may authorize transportation of a divisible load on the I 41 corridor but
10 may not authorize transportation of a divisible load on any other interstate highway.

11 **SECTION 15.** 348.27 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
12 is amended to read:

13 348.27 (4) INDUSTRIAL INTERPLANT PERMITS. The department may issue, to
14 industries and to their agent motor carriers owning and operating oversize vehicles
15 in connection with interplant, and from plant to state line, operations in this state,
16 annual or consecutive month permits for the operation of such vehicles over
17 designated routes, provided that such permit shall not be issued under this section
18 to agent motor carriers or, except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39 between~~
19 ~~USH 51 and I 90/94~~ I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor, from plant to state line for
20 vehicles or loads of width exceeding 102 inches upon routes of the national system
21 of interstate and defense highways. If the routes desired to be used by the applicant
22 involve city or village streets or county or town highways, the application shall be
23 accompanied by a written statement of route approval by the officer in charge of
24 maintenance of the highway in question.

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1 **SECTION 16.** 348.27 (9m) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin
2 Act 55, is amended to read:

3 348.27 **(9m)** (a) 1. Raw forest products or of fruits or vegetables from field to
4 storage or processing facilities in vehicles or vehicle combinations that exceed the
5 maximum gross weight limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000
6 pounds. A permit under this subdivision is not valid on highways designated as part
7 of the national system of interstate and defense highways, except on the ~~I 41 corridor~~
8 ~~and on I 39 between STH 29 south of Wausau and the I 90/94 interchange near~~
9 ~~Portage in Marathon, Portage, Waushara, Marquette and Columbia counties~~ I 39
10 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

11 **SECTION 17.** 348.27 (9r) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
12 is amended to read:

13 348.27 **(9r)** TRANSPORTATION OF SCRAP. The department may issue an annual or
14 consecutive month permit for the transportation of metallic or nonmetallic scrap for
15 the purpose of recycling or processing on a vehicle or combination of vehicles which
16 exceeds statutory weight or length limitations and for the return of the vehicle or
17 combination of vehicles when empty. This subsection does not apply to the
18 transportation of scrap on highways designated as part of the national system of
19 interstate and defense highways, except for the ~~I 41 corridor and that portion of I 39~~
20 ~~between USH 51 and I 90/94~~ I 39 corridor and the I 41 corridor.

21 **SECTION 18.** 348.27 (10) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
22 is amended to read:

23 348.27 **(10)** TRANSPORTATION OF GRAIN OR COAL OR IRON. The department may
24 issue annual or consecutive month permits for the transportation of loads of grain,
25 as defined in s. 126.01 (13), coal, iron ore concentrates or alloyed iron on a vehicle or

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1 a combination of 2 or more vehicles that exceeds statutory weight or length
2 limitations and for the return of the empty vehicle or combination of vehicles over
3 any class of highway for a distance not to exceed 5 miles from the Wisconsin state
4 line. If the roads desired to be used by the applicant involve streets or highways other
5 than those within the state trunk highway system, the application shall be
6 accompanied by a written statement of route approval by the officer in charge of
7 maintenance of the other highway. This subsection does not apply to highways
8 designated as part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, ~~except~~
9 ~~for the I-41 corridor.~~

10 **SECTION 19.** 348.27 (15) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
11 55, is amended to read:

12 348.27 (15) MULTIPLE TRIP PERMITS. (a) The department shall issue to
13 qualifying applicants multiple trip permits for the transportation of granular roofing
14 material in vehicles or vehicle combinations that exceed the maximum gross weight
15 limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000 pounds. A permit issued
16 under this subsection does not authorize the operation of any vehicle or vehicle
17 combination at a maximum gross weight in excess of 90,000 pounds. A permit under
18 this subsection may be issued only by the department, regardless of the highways to
19 be used. A permit under this subsection is not valid on highways designated as part
20 of the national system of interstate and defense highways except that a permit may
21 be issued that is valid ~~on the I-41 corridor~~ or on not more than 2.5 miles of any state
22 trunk highway if such issuance of the permit is consistent with federal law.

23 **SECTION 20.** 348.27 (19) (c) 4. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
24 55, is amended to read:

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1 348.27 (19) (c) 4. A no-fee permit issued under subd. 1. or 1m. is not valid on
2 any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways,
3 except for the I 41 corridor. ~~A no-fee permit issued under subd. 1m. is not valid on~~
4 ~~any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.~~

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1 **INS 4-24**

2 **SECTION 1.** 348.15 (9) (e) 1. (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin
3 Act 15, is amended to read:

4 348.15 (9) (e) 1. (intro.) Notwithstanding par. (c) and sub. (3) ~~(a)~~, (b), (c), and
5 (g), and notwithstanding sub. (3) (a) except as provided in subd. 3m., but subject to
6 ~~subd.~~ subds. 3. and 3m., there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of
7 axles, and no gross weight limitation, for an implement of husbandry or agricultural
8 commercial motor vehicle while being operated or transported by an implement
9 dealer or farmer for purposes of delivery, repair, or servicing of the implement of
10 husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle if the implement of husbandry
11 or agricultural commercial motor vehicle is being operated or transported under
12 either of the following circumstances:

13 **SECTION 2.** 348.15 (9) (e) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
14 15, is amended to read:

15 348.15 (9) (e) 2. Notwithstanding par. (c) and sub. (3) ~~(a)~~, (b), (c), and (g), and
16 notwithstanding sub. (3) (a) except as provided in subd. 3m., but subject to ~~subd.~~
17 subds. 3. and 3m., there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles, and
18 no gross weight limitation, for an implement of husbandry described in s. 340.01 (24)
19 (a) 1. b., or for an agricultural commercial motor vehicle used as described in s. 340.01
20 (1o) (e) 1., that is traveling between fields or between a farm and a field and is
21 operated on the highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less.

22 **INS 5-8**

23 **SECTION 3.** 348.15 (9) (e) 3m. of the statutes is created to read:

1 348.15 (9) (e) 3m. a. On the I 41 corridor, the per wheel weight limitation under
2 sub. (3) (a) applies to an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor
3 vehicle being operated or transported under subd. 1.

4 b. On the I 41 corridor, the per wheel weight limitation under sub. (3) (a) applies
5 to an implement of husbandry being operated under subd. 2.

6 c. Subdivision 2. does not apply to an agricultural commercial motor vehicle
7 operated on the I 41 corridor.