2015 SENATE BILL 372

November 12, 2015 - Introduced by Senators MOULTON and PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives KULP, EDMING and RIPP. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 348.26 (4); to amend 348.26 (2) and 348.26 (4) (title); and to create 348.26 (4) (a) and 348.26 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes; relating to: single trip permits for the movement of oversize factory-built homes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes single trip permits for the movement of certain overweight factory-built homes.

Current law imposes size, weight, and load limits on vehicles that travel on the highways. The Department of Transportation (DOT) and local highway officials may issue certain permits authorizing the permittee to operate a vehicle that exceeds these limits on vehicle size, weight, or load. Under current law, DOT issues single trip permits for the movement of oversize mobile homes, manufactured homes, and modular homes (factory-built homes).

Under this bill, single trip permits for the movement of overweight factory-built homes that are not less than 16 feet in width may be issued by DOT and local highway officials.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 348.26 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.26 (2) PERMITS FOR OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES OR LOADS. Except as provided in subs. (4) (b) 1. and (8), single trip permits for oversize or overweight vehicles or loads may be issued by the department for use of the state trunk highways and by the officer in charge of maintenance of the highway to be used in the case of other highways. Such local officials also may issue such single trip permits for use of state trunk highways within the county or municipality which they represent. Every single trip permit shall designate the route to be used by the permittee. Whenever the officer or agency issuing such permit deems it necessary to have a traffic officer escort the vehicle through the municipality or county, a reasonable fee for such traffic officer’s services shall be paid by the permittee. All moneys received from fees imposed by the department under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.395 (5) (dg).

SECTION 2. 348.26 (4) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.26 (4) (title) MOBILE HOME, MANUFACTURED HOME, AND MODULAR FACTORY-BUILT HOME PERMITS.

SECTION 3. 348.26 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 348.26 (4) (b) 1. and amended to read:

348.26 (4) (b) 1. Single Except as provided in subd. 2., single trip permits for the movement of oversize mobile homes, manufactured homes, or modular factory-built homes may be issued only by the department, regardless of the highways to be used.

(c) 1. Every such permit issued under this subsection shall designate the route to be used by the permittee.
2. No permit may be issued under this subsection for operation of a vehicle combination exceeding 110 feet in overall length or for movement of a mobile home, manufactured home, or modular factory-built home exceeding 80 feet in length.

3. A permit may be issued under this subsection for the movement of more than one modular home section on a carrier if each home section is a component of the same home as evidenced by serial numbers or other distinguishing marks and the overall dimensions of the load will not exceed statutory weight limits or the size limits specified in the permit. A permit may be issued under this subsection only if at least one portion of the load under this permit would require a permit had it been transported on a separate carrier.

SECTION 4. 348.26 (4) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

348.26 (4) (a) In this subsection, “factory-built home” means a mobile home, manufactured home, or modular home.

SECTION 5. 348.26 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

348.26 (4) (b) 2. Single trip permits for the movement of overweight factory-built homes that are not less than 16 feet in width may be issued by the department, for the use of state trunk highways, and by the officer in charge of maintenance of the highways to be used, for the use of other highways.

SECTION 6. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to to single trip permits issued on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)