AN ACT to create 86.50 of the statutes; relating to: the Milwaukee County high-wide route.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill designates a route in Milwaukee County upon which high-wide loads may be operated with a permit from the City of Milwaukee. A “high-wide” load is a motor vehicle that exceeds general state limitations on motor vehicle size, that is transporting property, and that is not more than 28 feet wide or 23 feet tall.

Under this bill, in general, no person may install any structure along the route within the area necessary for the passage of a high-wide load without the authorization of the City of Milwaukee. Also, no person may take any action that would make any portion of the route permanently unavailable for use by a high-wide load.

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. 86.50 of the statutes is created to read:

86.50 Milwaukee County high-wide route. (1) Definitions. In this section:
(a) “Affected area” means the entire width of the right-of-way of the route described in sub. (2) extended to a height of 23 feet above the roadway.

(b) “High-wide load” means a motor vehicle transporting property on any portion of the route described in sub. (2) if the vehicle exceeds limitations on size imposed by ch. 348 and no portion of the motor vehicle or the transported property has a greater width than 28 feet or a greater height than 23 feet.

(c) “Political subdivision” means a city, village, town, or county.

2 ROUTE. The following route through Milwaukee County is designated as the Milwaukee County high-wide route:

(a) Commencing at the intersection of South 70th Street and West Washington Street in the city of West Allis and proceeding south on South 70th Street.

(b) At the intersection of South 70th Street and West Greenfield Avenue, proceeding east on West Greenfield Avenue.

(c) At the intersection of South 60th Street and West Greenfield Avenue, proceeding south on South 60th Street.

(d) At the intersection of South 60th Street and West Beloit Road, proceeding west on West Beloit Road.

(e) At the intersection of South 76th Street and West Beloit Road, proceeding south on South 76th Street.

(f) At the intersection of South 76th Street and West Oklahoma Avenue, proceeding east on West Oklahoma Avenue.

(g) At the intersection of South 20th Street and West Oklahoma Avenue, proceeding south on South 20th Street.

(h) At the intersection of South 20th Street and West Howard Avenue, proceeding east on West Howard Avenue.
(i) At the intersection of South 13th Street and West Howard Avenue, proceeding south on South 13th Street.

(j) At the intersection of South 13th Street and West Waterford Avenue, proceeding east on West Waterford Avenue.

(k) At the intersection of South 6th Street and West Waterford Avenue, proceeding north on South 6th Street.

(L) At the intersection of South 6th Street and West Howard Avenue, proceeding east on West Howard Avenue.

(m) At the intersection of South Howell Avenue and West Howard Avenue, proceeding north on South Howell Avenue.

(n) At the intersection of South Howell Avenue and South Kinnickinnic Avenue, proceeding north on South Kinnickinnic Avenue.

(o) At the intersection of South Kinnickinnic Avenue and East Bay Street, proceeding east on East Bay Street.

(p) At the intersection of East Bay Street and the port of Milwaukee's private access road, proceeding east on the private access road.

(q) At the intersection of the port of Milwaukee's private access road and South Car Ferry Drive, proceeding north on South Car Ferry Drive.

(r) Ending at the northern terminus of South Car Ferry Drive.

(3) PERMITTING. (a) No person may operate a high-wide load on the route described under sub. (2) without a permit from the city of Milwaukee.

(b) No person may install any structure within the affected area without a permit from the city of Milwaukee. A permit under this paragraph shall require the permittee, upon request, to remove any obstruction to the use of the high-wide route.
by a high-wide load within 5 days notice without cost to the user of the high-wide route for a high-wide load.

(4) Prohibitions. After the effective date of this subsection ..., [LRB inserts date], no person may do any of the following within the affected area:

(a) Install any permanent structure without the authorization of the city of Milwaukee.

(b) Take any action that would make any portion of the affected area permanently unavailable for use by a high-wide load.

(c) Install any structure without first obtaining a permit under sub. (3) (b).

(5) Local Cooperation. (a) The city of Milwaukee shall consult with all political subdivisions in which any portion of the Milwaukee County high-wide route is located before issuing or denying a permit under sub. (3), making an authorization under sub. (4) (a), or designating a temporary route under sub. (6).

(b) The city of Milwaukee shall share the permit fee collected for a permit under sub. (3) (a) proportionately among the political subdivisions affected by the permitted high-wide load.

(c) Political subdivisions in which any portion of the Milwaukee County high-wide route is located shall attempt to reach agreements among themselves and with persons using the high-wide route for high-wide loads regarding the allocation of costs and provision of services related to removing permanent structures that interfere with the use of any portion of the affected area by high-wide loads.

(d) Political subdivisions in which any portion of the Milwaukee County high-wide route is located shall attempt to reach agreements among themselves and with persons using the high-wide route for high-wide loads to timely provide traffic officer escorts for persons using the high-wide route for high-wide loads.
(6) Temporary route changes. The city of Milwaukee may designate temporary changes to the route described under sub. (2). Subsection (4) does not apply to a highway temporarily designated under this subsection.