October 20, 2021 – Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, FELZKOWSKI, COWLES and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives CALLAHAN, SWEARINGEN, MURSAU, SPIROS, TUSLER and EDMING. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

AN ACT to amend 348.27 (9) (a) 1. d.; and to create 348.27 (9) (a) 3. i., 348.27 (9) (a) 3. j., 348.27 (9) (a) 3. k., 348.27 (9) (a) 3. L. and 348.27 (9) (a) 3. m. of the statutes; relating to: modifying the permit for certain oversize or overweight vehicles transporting forest products.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate on a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory limits on size, weight, or load unless that person possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation. Currently, DOT may issue an annual or consecutive month permit for an oversize or overweight vehicle to transport loads within 11 miles of the Wisconsin-Michigan state line and on specifically designated highways, if the vehicle does not violate length or weight limitations under Michigan law (commonly known as the Michigan border permit).

This bill adds the following highway segments to the Michigan border permit:
1. STH 64, from USH 45 in the city of Antigo to USH 141 in Marinette County.
2. STH 64, from USH 141 in Marinette County to USH 41 in the city of Marinette.
3. USH 141, from the village of Crivitz to CTH S in Oconto County.
4. USH 41, from the town of Abrams to the city of Marinette.
5. USH 8, from USH 45 in Oneida County to a point four-tenths of a mile west.
The bill also excludes a specific vehicle configuration from eligibility for the Michigan border permit as it pertains to operation on certain designated highways.
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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. 348.27 (9) (a) 1. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.27 (9) (a) 1. d. The transportation of raw forest products, lumber, or forestry biomass on any highway route specified in subd. 3. if the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not violate length or weight limitations under Michigan law. This subd. 1. d. does not apply to a vehicle combination that meets the criteria of truck configuration number 24 as provided in the Bridge Analysis Guide prepared by the Michigan department of transportation.

SECTION 2. 348.27 (9) (a) 3. i. of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (9) (a) 3. i. STH 64, from the junction of STH 64 and USH 45 in the city of Antigo to the junction of STH 64 and USH 141 in Marinette County.

SECTION 3. 348.27 (9) (a) 3. j. of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (9) (a) 3. j. STH 64, from the junction of STH 64 and USH 141 in Marinette County to the junction of STH 64 and USH 41 in the city of Marinette.

SECTION 4. 348.27 (9) (a) 3. k. of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (9) (a) 3. k. USH 141, from the village of Crivitz in Marinette County to the junction of USH 141 and CTH S in Oconto County.

SECTION 5. 348.27 (9) (a) 3. L. of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (9) (a) 3. L. USH 41, from the town of Abrams in Oconto County to the city of Marinette.

SECTION 6. 348.27 (9) (a) 3. m. of the statutes is created to read:
348.27 (9) (a) 3. m. USH 8, from the junction of USH 8 and USH 45 in Oneida County to a point four-tenths of a mile west on USH 8.

**SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) Notwithstanding s. 13.096 (2), the department of transportation may not prepare a report on this bill under s. 13.096 (2) and (3).