

State of Wisconsin



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1995 WISCONSIN ACT 163

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 348.27 (9m); *to amend* 348.25 (4) (intro.); and *to create* 348.27 (9m) (a) 2. and 348.27 (9t) of the statutes; **relating to:** weight and length limitations for vehicles and combinations of vehicles transporting potatoes and granting rule-making authority.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 348.25 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (4) (intro.) Except as provided under s. 348.26 (5) or (6) or 348.27 (3m), (9), (9m), (9r), ~~(9t)~~, (10), (12) or (13), permits shall be issued only for the transporting of a single article or vehicle which exceeds statutory size, weight or load limitations and which cannot reasonably be divided or reduced to comply with statutory size, weight or load limitations, except that:

SECTION 2. 348.27 (9m) of the statutes is renumbered 348.27 (9m) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

348.27 (9m) (a) (intro.) The department may issue annual or consecutive month permits for the transportation of raw any of the following:

1. Raw forest products or ~~for the transportation of~~ fruits or vegetables from field to storage or processing facilities in vehicles or vehicle combinations that exceed the maximum gross weight limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000 pounds.

~~(b)~~ A permit issued under ~~this subsection~~ par. (a) does not authorize the operation of any vehicle or vehicle combination at a maximum gross weight in excess of 90,000 pounds. This subsection does not apply to highways des-

ignated as part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

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

348.27 (9m) (a) 2. Bulk potatoes from storage facilities to rail loading facilities in vehicle combinations that exceed the maximum gross weight limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000 pounds. A permit under this subdivision shall be valid only on USH 51 between CTH "V" and CTH "B" in Waushara and Portage counties, and for a distance not to exceed 15 miles from that portion of USH 51 in order to obtain access to USH 51 or to reach fuel, food, maintenance, repair, rest, staging, terminal facilities or points of loading or unloading.

SECTION 4. 348.27 (9t) of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (9t) TRANSPORTATION OF POTATOES. The department may issue annual or consecutive month permits for the transportation of potatoes intended for use as seed in specially configured vehicle combinations that exceed the maximum gross weight limitations under s. 348.15 (3) (c) by not more than 10,000 pounds. A permit issued under this subsection does not authorize the operation of any vehicle combination at a maximum gross weight in excess of 90,000 pounds. A permit under this subsection

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993-94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

may authorize operation during a spring thaw and shall be valid only on STH 64 between CTH “H” and USH 41 in Langlade, Oconto and Marinette counties; USH 41 between STH 64 and the Wisconsin–Michigan border; and any highway for a distance not to exceed 15 miles from any portion of STH 64 or USH 41 specified in this subsection in order to obtain access to STH 64 or USH 41 or to reach fuel, food, maintenance, repair, rest, staging, ter-

minal facilities or points of loading or unloading. The department shall establish by rule configuration requirements for vehicle combinations under this subsection and such requirements may permit vehicle combinations to exceed the length requirements of s. 348.07. The department may establish by rule an alternative route for any portion of a highway specified in this subsection.