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2003 Wisconsin Act 210 [2003 Assembly Bill 274]

Operating Certain Three-Vehicle Combinations on Highways

2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/

Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

Current law generally prohibits any person from driving a vehicle on a highway while towing two or more vehicles unless the driver possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT may issue annual or consecutive month permits for certain three-vehicle combinations that consist of the following vehicles: (1) a towing vehicle; (2) a mobile home or camping trailer; and (3) a boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer, or all-terrain vehicle trailer. The overall length of the combination of vehicles may not exceed 60 feet and, unless not structurally possible, the lighter of the towed vehicles must occupy the last position in the three-vehicle combination. The towed vehicles must be for the use of the driver of the towing vehicle.

2003 Wisconsin Act 210 mainly does the following:

- Replaces the listing of vehicles that can be in a three-vehicle combination under current law (namely, a mobile home or camping trailer, and a boat trailer, motorcycle trailer, personal watercraft trailer, all-terrain vehicle trailer) with "a mobile home or camping trailer, and a trailer for a personal recreational vehicle."
- Provides that no three-vehicle combination may operate if highway or weather conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high winds, limited visibility, or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by DOT due to highway conditions.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 210 is April 23, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.