



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2003 Wisconsin Act 234 [2003 Assembly Bill 695]	Trailers Used to Transport Livestock
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Under **current law**, with limited exceptions, no one may operate a single vehicle that exceeds 40 feet in length without obtaining a permit from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

2003 Act 234 creates an exception for a two-vehicle combination that is used to transport **livestock** and that does not exceed 75 feet in length, if both of the following apply:

1. The **trailer**, measured as required by s. 348.07 (3) (b) Stats., is not longer than 53 feet, and the trailer axles are either separated by at least eight feet or are three axles in tandem.
2. The **towing vehicle** is not a motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, or combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or actual gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 28, 2004. The Act first applies to the use of a trailer to transport livestock on that effective date.

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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.