



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 171
[2007 Senate Bill 435]

**Multiple Trip Permits for
Transporting Granular Roofing
Material**

Current Law

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory weight limits unless the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) or a local authority.

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Act 171 requires DOT to issue to qualifying applicants *multiple trip permits* for the transportation of granular roofing material in vehicles or vehicle combinations (vehicles) that exceed, by not more than 10,000 pounds, the generally applicable statutory gross weight limitations of 80,000 pounds. The permit: (1) may not authorize the operation of any vehicle at a maximum gross weight in excess of 90,000 pounds; and (2) is not valid on highways designated as part of the national system of interstate and defense highways *except for up to 2.5 miles of state trunk highways* on each route authorized under the permit.

An *application* for a multiple trip permit must: (1) identify the motor carrier on behalf of which the load is to be transported; and (2) identify the location from which the transportation of the load is to originate, the load's destination, and the route over which the load will be transported. Each multiple trip permit must include as conditions of the permit items (1) and (2), paragraph above.

If the designated route includes streets or highways other than those within the state trunk highway system, DOT may only issue the permit if the governing body of each municipality or county having jurisdiction over these streets or highways adopts a resolution approving the transportation of the load over these streets or highways. The DOT must promulgate rules relating to these multiple trip permits.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

The DOT may not issue these multiple trip permits after approximately three years from the Act's general effective date.

Effective Date: Act 171 takes effect on August 1, 2008, except that the DOT rule-making provision takes effect on April 10, 2008.

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