2023 SENATE BILL 363

July 13, 2023 – Introduced by Senators BALLWEG, FEYEN and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives PETERSEN, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, DALLMAN, GREEN, O’CONNOR and SCHMIDT. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

1 AN ACT to renumber 348.27 (9r) (a); and to create 348.27 (9r) (ag) of the statutes; relating to: permits for the overweight transport of pig iron.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may operate on a highway any vehicle that exceeds statutory limits on size or weight. However, the Department of Transportation may issue permits authorizing the transportation of metallic or nonmetallic scrap for the purpose of recycling or processing on a vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds statutory weight or length limitations and for the return of the vehicle or combination of vehicles when empty.

Under administrative rules promulgated by DOT, “recyclable scrap” is defined as “metallic or non-metallic material in waste for which there exists a commercially demonstrated processing or manufacturing technology which uses the material as a raw material, and which is transported for use as such a raw material.”

This bill, for purposes of the overweight or oversize scrap permit, creates a definition for “metallic or nonmetallic scrap” that is functionally identical to DOT’s definition for “recyclable scrap,” except that the new definition explicitly includes pig iron.

For further information see the state 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 (9r) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 348.27 (9r) (ar).

SECTION 2. 348.27 (9r) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (9r) (ag) In this subsection, “metallic or nonmetallic scrap” means metallic or nonmetallic material in waste for which there exists a commercially demonstrated processing or manufacturing technology that uses the material as a raw material and that is transported for use as a raw material. “Metallic or nonmetallic scrap” includes pig iron.

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