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

SECTION 1. 348.02 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.02 (2) The provisions of eh. 348 this chapter restricting the size and weight of vehicles apply to the vehicle and any load which it is carrying except as provided in s. 348.27 (5).

SECTION 2. 348.27 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.27 (5) POLE, PIPE AND VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION PERMITS. Except as further provided in this subsection, the highway commission may issue an annual permit to pipeline companies or operators or public service corporations for transportation of poles, pipe, girders and similar materials and to companies and individuals hauling peeled or unpeeled pole-length forest products used in its business and to auto carriers operating “haulaways” specially constructed to transport motor vehicles and which exceed the maximum limitations on length of vehicle and load imposed by this chapter. Such permits issued to companies or individuals hauling peeled or unpeeled pole-length forest products shall limit the length of vehicle and load to a maximum of 10 feet in excess of the limitations in s. 348.07 (1) and shall be valid only on a class “A” highway as defined in s. 348.15 (1) (b). Permits issued to companies or individuals hauling pole-length forest products may not exempt such companies or individuals from the maximum limitations on vehicle load imposed by this chapter. Such permits issued to auto carriers shall limit the length of the vehicle to a maximum of 10 feet in excess of the limitations in s. 348.07 (1) and shall be valid only on a class “A” highway as defined in s. 348.15 (1) (b). Section 348.02 (2) shall not apply to auto carriers.