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CHAPTER 310.

AN ACT to amend subsection (1) of section 85.53, subsection (1) of section 85.54, and section 85.57 of the statutes, relating to seasonal restrictions on loads, to permits for loads of excessive size and weight, and to motor vehicle tire equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of section 85.53, subsection (1) of section 85.54 and section 85.57 of the statutes are amended to read: (85.53) (1) (a) Whenever it is necessary to transport a single article which cannot reasonably be divided and which exceeds the maximum permissible load or weight or dimensions or both, the same shall be done, *except as herein provided*, only after the issuance of a special permit for a single trip designating the loads to be transported, pursuant to authority granted in this section. *Where such trip is wholly or partly over the state trunk system in more than one county, such permit may be given by the state highway commission. The owner or operator of any vehicle engaged in the business of transporting articles, requiring the use of trailers, or other similar equipment of such size and weight as to require special permits, may obtain from the state highway commission an annual permit for such transporting. A separate permit shall be required for each trailer used by any permittee. The issuance of such annual permit shall be in lieu of all other permits required under this section, but shall not release the permittee from observance of any restrictions imposed under section 85.54.*

(b) Application for any permit under this subsection shall be made on forms prescribed by the state highway commission, which may impose such reasonable conditions as it shall deem necessary for the safety of travel, and for the protection of the highways, including a bond, or in lieu thereof, a certificate of insurance, approved by it to protect the state and any county, city, village or town against any damage which may result from such transporting. Such permit may be revoked by the commission for good cause, after having given the permittee reasonable opportunity for a hearing.

(85.54) (1) The officer in charge of maintenance of highways maintained by a town, city or village, subject to the approval of the county highway commissioner, and the county highway com-

missioner or county highway committee in case of highways maintained by the county, and the state highway commission in the case of highways maintained by the state, may further restrict the gross weight of vehicles upon any such highway whenever the public interest so requires by erecting gross weight limitation signs * * * on or along the highway upon which the gross weight is so restricted sufficient to give reasonable notice that such restriction is in effect. All gross weight limitation signs shall be standard as prescribed by the state highway commission.

85.57 All motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers shall have tires of rubber or of some material or construction of equal resiliency of a width provided for in this chapter. After July 1, 1934, no automobile, motor truck, motor bus, truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer shall be used on any highway or street in this state unless such vehicle is completely equipped with pneumatic tires. This section shall not apply to * * * :

- (a) *Fire fighting vehicles;*
- (b) *Farm tractors or farm vehicles used in connection with seasonal industries;*
- (c) *Tractors moved along the highway temporarily;*
- (d) *Vehicles engaged in highway construction or maintenance operation on those portions of the highway under construction or maintenance;*
- (e) *Trailers or other similar equipment with a net weight of over twenty thousand pounds and which are operated on the highways under special permit;*
- (f) *Semitrailers designed and used for pick-up and delivery service within the limits of any incorporated village or city as a part of rail transportation and actually carried by rail as containers of merchandise. Provided, however, that such semitrailers so used as a part of rail transportation shall not be operated on any public street or highway at a rate of speed in excess of ten miles per hour;*
- (g) *Vehicles purchased prior to January 1, 1931, operated solely within the corporate limits of any city or village.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 21, 1933.