

CHAPTER 249.

AN ACT to amend 85.53 (1) (a) and (2) of the statutes, relating to special permits for loads of excessive size and weight.

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

85.53 (1) (a) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

85.53 (1) (a) Whenever it is necessary to transport a single article or a number of articles which cannot properly or suitably be reasonably * * * divided and which * * * exceed 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.

(2) The commissioner of public works in cities of the first class, and in other cities and in towns and villages the officer in charge of highway maintenance therein and the county highway commissioner in each county, are authorized in their discretion, upon proper application in writing, to grant such special permits for the moving of any such single article or articles, except as provided in subsection (3).

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