



## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 300

April 7, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives HAHN, NERISON, FREESE, TOWNS, BALLWEG, OWENS, OTT, KESTELL, GRONEMUS, MUSSER, PRIDEMORE, ALBERS, MURSAU, LOEFFELHOLZ, PETROWSKI and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, REYNOLDS, A. LASEE and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 348.07 (2) (im) of the statutes; **relating to:** trailers or  
2             semitrailers used to transport livestock.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no one may operate a single vehicle that exceeds 40 feet in length without obtaining a permit from the Department of Transportation. One exception allows a person to operate, without a permit, a two-vehicle combination transporting livestock, if the trailer is not longer than 53 feet, the trailer axles are either separated by at least 8 feet or are 3 axles in tandem, and if the towing vehicle is not truck or tractor that weighs 10,000 pounds or less.

This bill eliminates the requirement that the trailer axles be separated by at least 8 feet or be 3 axles in tandem.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 348.07 (2) (im) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             348.07 (2) (im) Seventy-five total feet for a 2-vehicle combination transporting  
5             livestock, if the trailer or semitrailer, measured as required by sub. (3) (b), is not

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1 longer than 53 feet, and the trailer axles are either separated by at least 8 feet or are  
2 ~~3 axles in tandem~~, if the towing vehicle is not a motor truck, truck tractor, road  
3 tractor, or combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or actual gross  
4 weight of 10,000 pounds or less.

5 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

6 (1) This act first applies to the use of a trailer or semitrailer to transport  
7 livestock on the effective date of this subsection.

8 (END)