

State of Wisconsin



2011 Assembly Bill 267

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2011 WISCONSIN ACT 59

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 348.27 (7m); and *to create* 348.01 (2) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** operating certain three-vehicle combinations on the highways.

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

SECTION 1. 348.01 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

348.01 (2) (d) "Vehicle for recreational use" includes a bicycle, moped, motor bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, boat, as defined in s. 30.50 (2), sailboard, as defined in s. 30.50 (11), personal watercraft, or electric personal assistive mobility device, but does not include an automobile, motor truck, motor home, play vehicle, or in-line skates.

SECTION 2. 348.27 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 348.08 (1) (i) and amended to read:

348.08 (1) (i) ~~The department may issue an annual or consecutive month permit for the movement of a~~ A 3-vehicle combination consisting of a towing vehicle and, in order by weight, with the lighter of the towed vehicles as the 3rd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination unless not structurally possible, a recreational vehicle or camping trailer as the 2nd vehicle, and a recreational vehicle, camping trailer, or trailer for a personal recreational vehicle, carrying any vehicle for recreational use or carrying no load as the 3rd vehicle may, without a permit, be operated on a highway if the overall length of the

combination of vehicles does not exceed ~~60~~ 65 feet ~~or, if the 2nd vehicle in the 3-vehicle combination and, if the total weight, including any load, of all towed vehicles exceeds 3,000 pounds, one of the towed vehicles is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold it, does not exceed 65 feet, and the towed vehicles are for the use of the operator of the towing vehicle.~~ A permit under this subsection may be issued only by the department, regardless of the highways to be used. The department may designate the routes that may be used by the permittee. The fee for an annual permit under this subsection is \$40. The fee for a consecutive month permit under this subsection shall be determined in the manner provided in s. 348.25 (8) (bm), except that the \$40 fee for an annual permit under this subsection shall be used in the computation. No 3-vehicle combination may operate under this paragraph if highway or weather conditions include heavy snow, freezing rain, icy roads, high winds, limited visibility, or upon a highway that is closed or partially closed by the department due to highway conditions.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to 3-vehicle combinations operated on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2009-10 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].