



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 369
[2013 Senate Bill 341]

**Vehicles Carrying Poles, Pipe,
Girders, and Similar Materials**

Wisconsin Law

Wisconsin law provides statutory limits on size, weight, and load that may not be exceeded unless an exception applies or the person possesses a permit. Generally a person may not operate a vehicle having a total width in excess of eight feet, six inches on a highway. Furthermore, a person is generally prohibited from operating any vehicle or vehicle combination carrying a load extending more than three feet beyond the front of the vehicle on a highway.

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2013 Wisconsin Act 369 allows a vehicle or vehicle combination used by a utility, or by a motor carrier operating under contract with a utility to do the following activities for transportation of poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials without a permit:

- Have a total width not exceeding nine feet.
- Carry a load extending not more than 10 feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle or foremost vehicle in the vehicle combination.

Effective date and initial applicability: The Act took effect on April 25, 2014, and first applies to vehicles operated on that day.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.