



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 128

February 14, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives OLSEN, OURADA, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, GOETSCH, GREEN, GROBSCHMIDT, GROTHMAN, HAHN, KLUSMAN, KREIBICH, KREUSER, LAZICH, LINTON, OTT, OWENS, SERATTI, ZUKOWSKI, KELSO, WARD and SKINDRUD, cosponsored by Senators LEEAN, BRESKE, DRZEWIECKI, MOEN, RUDE, SCHULTZ and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 348.05 (2) (L) of the statutes; **relating to:** vehicles
2 transporting Christmas trees in loads that exceed vehicle width limitations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, vehicles transporting loads of hay in bales may exceed the general vehicle width limitation of 8 feet 6 inches, but only if the total outside width of any load does not exceed a single traffic lane width. This provision does not apply to vehicles on the national system of interstate and defense highways.

This bill specifies that vehicles transporting loads of Christmas trees from September 15 to December 15 from the point of harvesting or staging to a Christmas tree yard or commercial shipping point may also exceed the general vehicle width limitation of 8 feet 6 inches, subject to the same limitations as vehicles transporting loads of hay in bales.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 348.05 (2) (L) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 348.05 (2) (L) Twelve feet for loads of hay in bales and, from September 15 to
5 December 15 of each year, for loads of Christmas trees from the point of harvesting
6 or staging to a Christmas tree yard or point of commercial shipment, if the total
7 outside width of the loads do not exceed the width of a single traffic lane of any
8 highway over which the loads are carried. This paragraph does not apply to vehicles

1 on highways designated as parts of the national system of interstate and defense
2 highways under s. 84.29.

3 (END)