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2013 SENATE BILL 341

October 14, 2013 – Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, COWLES, GROTHMAN, KEDZIE, SCHULTZ and TIFFANY, cosponsored by Representatives RIPP, BROOKS, BEWLEY, CLARK, CZAJA, DANOU, KAHL, T. LARSON, MILROY, MURSAU, NYGREN, A. OTT, SMITH, SPIROS, VRUWINK and WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 348.07 (2) (k) and 348.10 (1); and *to create* 348.05 (2) (m) of 2 the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum width of, and projecting loads on, 3 vehicles carrying poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may operate on a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory limits on size, weight, or load unless an exception applies or the person possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or local highway authorities. Current law generally prohibits a person from operating on a highway, without a permit, any vehicle having a total outside width in excess of eight feet six inches. Current law also generally prohibits a person from operating on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 45 feet or any combination of two vehicles with an overall length in excess of 70 feet. Under one exception, a person may operate, without a permit, a single vehicle with an overall length not exceeding 60 feet, and a two-vehicle combination is used by a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, municipal utility, or cooperative association (collectively a "utility"), or by a motor carrier operating under contract with a utility, for transportation of poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials.

Also under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate on a highway, without a permit, any vehicle or vehicle combination carrying a load extending more than three feet beyond the front of the vehicle.

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This bill allows a vehicle or vehicle combination used by a utility, or by a motor carrier operating under contract with a utility, for transportation of poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials to, without a permit: 1) have a total outside width not exceeding nine feet; and 2) carry a load extending not more than ten feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle or foremost vehicle in the vehicle combination.

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

SECTION 1. 348.05 (2) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

348.05 (2) (m) Nine feet for a vehicle or vehicle combination used by a pipeline
company or operator, public service corporation, municipal utility, or cooperative
association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1., or by a motor carrier operating under
contract with a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, municipal
utility, or cooperative association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1., for transportation
of poles, pipe, girders and similar materials.

8 **SECTION 2.** 348.07 (2) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 348.07 (2) (k) Sixty feet for a single vehicle, and 120 feet for a 2-vehicle combination, used by a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, 10 11 municipal utility, or cooperative association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1., or by a 12motor carrier operating under contract with a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, municipal utility, or cooperative association described in s. 1314 196.01 (5) (b) 1., for transportation of poles, pipe, girders and similar materials. A 15vehicle or vehicle combination described in this paragraph may, in addition to the 16 vehicle length specified in this paragraph, carry a load extending not more than 10 feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle or foremost vehicle in the vehicle 1718 combination.

SECTION 3. 348.10 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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348.10(1) No person, without a permit therefor, may operate on a highway any 1 $\mathbf{2}$ vehicle or combination of vehicles with any load thereon extending more than 3 feet 3 beyond the front of the foremost vehicle, except as provided in s. 348.07 (2) (j) and (k), and except that a vehicle carrying another vehicle equipped with a crane or boom 4 $\mathbf{5}$ which extends more than 3 feet beyond the front of the foremost vehicle may be 6 operated without permit if the total length of the vehicle or combination of vehicles. 7 measuring from the end of the foremost projection of the load to the rear of the 8 rearmost vehicle, does not exceed statutory length limitations.

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SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

10 (1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this11 subsection.

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