

# State of Wisconsin



2015 Senate Bill 448

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## 2015 WISCONSIN ACT 232

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 348.05 (2g) (b) and 348.09 (3); *to amend* 100.47 (3) (b), 340.01 (16), 341.05 (7), 347.02 (1) (a), 347.21 (1), 347.22 (title) and (1), 347.22 (2), 347.24 (1) (a), 347.24 (3) (b) (intro.), 347.24 (3) (bm) (intro.), 347.245 (1), 347.245 (2), 347.245 (4), 347.245 (5), 347.25 (2g), 347.27 (3), 347.45 (2) (intro.), 347.45 (2) (a), 348.05 (2) (am), 348.05 (2g) (a) (intro.), 348.05 (3m) (a), 348.05 (3m) (b), 348.05 (3m) (c), 348.06 (2) (intro.), 348.07 (2) (e) 2., 348.07 (2r), 348.15 (3) (b), 348.15 (3) (g) (intro.), 348.15 (9) (a), 348.15 (9) (b), 348.15 (9) (c) 2., 348.15 (9) (cm), 348.15 (9) (e) 2., 348.15 (9) (e) 4., 348.15 (9) (f) 1m., 348.27 (19) (b) 1., 348.27 (19) (b) 5. a., 348.27 (19) (c) 1m., 348.27 (19) (cm) and 348.27 (19) (d) 1. (intro.); and *to create* 348.01 (2) (cm), 348.05 (2g) (c), 348.05 (3r), 348.05 (3t), 348.09 (3) (b), 348.27 (19) (c) 11., 348.27 (19) (cr) and 348.27 (19) (d) 1m. of the statutes; **relating to**: implements of husbandry and agricultural commercial motor vehicles operated or transported on highways.

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

**SECTION 1.** 100.47 (3) (b) of the statutes, as affected by [2015 Wisconsin Act 15](#), is amended to read:

100.47 (3) (b) No person in the business of selling farm equipment may sell farm equipment that can be operated on a highway unless, at the time of sale, the person who sells the farm equipment discloses to the buyer in writing the gross vehicle weight and axle weights of the unladen farm equipment at the point of sale.

**SECTION 2.** 340.01 (16) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (16) "Farm tractor" means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily as ~~a farm an~~ an implement of husbandry for drawing plows, mowing machines and, or having attached to it, other implements of husbandry.

**SECTION 3.** 341.05 (7) of the statutes, as affected by [2015 Wisconsin Act 55](#), is amended to read:

341.05 (7) The vehicle is a farm tractor used exclusively in agricultural operations, including threshing, or

used exclusively to provide power to drive other machinery, or to transport from job to job machinery driven by a farm tractor; used for special occasions such as display and parade purposes or for participation in tractor or antique vehicle clubs, including traveling to and from such events; or used for ~~occasional personal use, but not for regular daily transportation testing, maintenance, and storage purposes~~.

**SECTION 4.** 347.02 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.02 (1) (a) Farm tractors ~~and self-propelled farm implements~~.

**SECTION 5.** 347.21 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.21 (1) No person shall operate on a highway during hours of darkness any train of vehicles authorized by s. 348.08 (1) (d) unless there is mounted on each side of every vehicle in such train, including farm tractors and implements of husbandry, at least one lamp emitting a red or amber light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the side of the vehicle on which mounted or, in lieu thereof,

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at least one red or amber reflector ~~or, notwithstanding s. 347.245, one slow moving vehicle emblem~~ visible from all distances within 500 feet to 50 feet of the side of the vehicle when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps.

**SECTION 6.** 347.22 (title) and (1) of the statutes are amended to read:

**347.22 (title) Lamps on farm tractors, self-propelled farm implements of husbandry, and lightweight utility vehicles.** (1) No person shall operate or park a farm tractor, self-propelled ~~farm~~ implement of husbandry, or lightweight utility vehicle, as defined in s. 346.94 (21) (a) 2., upon a highway during hours of darkness unless such tractor, implement of husbandry, or lightweight utility vehicle carries the lighted headlamps and tail lamps which would be required of other motor vehicles under similar circumstances.

**SECTION 7.** 347.22 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 377, is amended to read:

347.22 (2) Except as provided in s. 347.25 (2g), no person shall operate or park a farm tractor, self-propelled ~~farm~~ implement of husbandry, or lightweight utility vehicle, as defined in s. 346.94 (21) (a) 2., upon a highway during hours of darkness with any lamp thereon showing any light to the rear other than red or amber in color.

**SECTION 8.** 347.24 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.24 (1) (a) Except as provided under pars. (b) and (c) and s. 347.22 (1), no person may operate on a highway during hours of darkness any implement of husbandry or any other vehicle not specifically required by law to be equipped with lamps or other lighting devices unless such implement or vehicle is equipped with at least 2 lighted lamps or lanterns exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet ahead and 2 lighted lamps or lanterns exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear or, as an alternative to the red lamps or lanterns, 2 red reflectors mounted as specified in s. 347.18 and meeting the visibility requirements of s. 347.19 may be displayed on the rear of such vehicle or implement of husbandry.

**SECTION 9.** 347.24 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act 377, is amended to read:

347.24 (3) (b) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (bm), no person may operate on a highway any wide implement of husbandry ~~manufactured before January 1, 2014~~, unless it is equipped with all of the following and any lamp or light required under this paragraph is lighted and visible at the time of operation:

**SECTION 10.** 347.24 (3) (bm) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2013 Wisconsin Act 377, is amended to read:

347.24 (3) (bm) (intro.) A person may operate on a highway, at times other than hours of darkness, a wide implement of husbandry ~~manufactured before January 1,~~

2014, that does not comply with par. (b) if all of the following apply:

**SECTION 11.** 347.245 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 377, is amended to read:

347.245 (1) ~~After January 1, 1970, no~~ No person may operate on a highway, ~~day or night~~, any vehicle or equipment, any implement of husbandry, any animal-drawn vehicle, or any other machinery, including all road machinery, that usually travels at speeds of less than 25 miles per hour or any vehicle operated under a special restricted operator's license issued under s. 343.135 or any lightweight utility vehicle, as defined in s. 346.94 (21) (a) 2., ~~or any wide implement of husbandry, as defined in s. 347.24 (3) (a), that is manufactured before January 1, 2014~~, unless there is displayed on the most practicable visible rear area of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, a slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblem as described in and displayed as provided in sub. (2). Any towed vehicle or machine is exempt from this provision if the towing vehicle is visible from the rear and is in compliance with this section. All road machinery is excluded when it is engaged in actual construction or maintenance work either guarded by a flagman or clearly visible warning signs. ~~Except as provided in s. 347.21 (1), the~~ The requirement of the emblem shall be in addition to any lighting devices required or permitted by law. Mopeds and motor bicycles are excluded from the provisions of this section unless they are operated under a special restricted operator's license issued under s. 343.135. Electric personal assistive mobility devices are excluded from the provisions of this section. The SMV emblem need not be displayed on vehicles moving directly across the highway.

**SECTION 12.** 347.245 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.245 (2) Standards and specifications for the design and position of mounting of the SMV emblem shall be established by rule by the secretary. ~~Except as provided in s. 347.21 (1), the~~ The standards and specifications for SMV emblems shall correlate with and, so far as possible, conform with those approved by the American society of agricultural engineers. The secretary shall submit such standards and specifications, and any subsequent changes therein, to the assembly and senate committees having jurisdiction over transportation matters as determined by the speaker of the assembly and the president of the senate acting jointly for their approval.

**SECTION 13.** 347.245 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.245 (4) ~~Except as provided in s. 347.21 (1), no~~ No person shall display such emblem on any vehicle or equipment not specified in sub. (1).

**SECTION 14.** 347.245 (5) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 377, is amended to read:

347.245 (5) This section does not apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles to the left rear of

which is attached a yellow or amber flashing light at least 4 inches in diameter, except to ~~a wide an~~ implement of husbandry, as defined in s. 347.24 (3) (a), that is ~~manufactured before January 1, 2014.~~

**SECTION 15.** 347.25 (2g) of the statutes, as created by [2013 Wisconsin Act 377](#), is amended to read:

347.25 (2g) No person may operate on a highway any self-propelled implement of husbandry ~~manufactured before January 1, 2014,~~ and having a total width in excess of 12 feet, unless it is equipped with a 360-degree yellow or amber rotating strobe or beacon light, mounted at the highest practicable point, or 2 flashing amber lights visible to the front and rear, and the light or lights are activated.

**SECTION 16.** 347.27 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.27 (3) In this section, “vehicle” includes farm tractors ~~and self-propelled farm implements,~~ implements of husbandry, animal-drawn vehicles, lightweight utility vehicles as defined in s. 346.94 (21) (a) 2., and road machinery.

**SECTION 17.** 347.45 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.45 (2) (intro.) No person shall operate on a highway any vehicle, including farm tractors, ~~self-propelled farm implements,~~ implements of husbandry, animal-drawn vehicles and road machinery, if such vehicle has on the periphery of any of its tires any block, stud, flange, cleat, spike or other protuberance of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire, except that:

**SECTION 18.** 347.45 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.45 (2) (a) Farm tractors, ~~self-propelled farm implements,~~ implements of husbandry, bicycles, animal-drawn vehicles, and road machinery may be operated with metal tires or tires having protuberances that will not injure the highway.

**SECTION 19.** 348.01 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

348.01 (2) (cm) “To or from a farm-related destination,” with respect to operating or transporting an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle, means movement between or among farms, fields, agricultural storage or processing facilities, locations where the implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle is stored, or any combination of the foregoing.

**SECTION 20.** 348.05 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.05 (2) (am) Ten feet for an agricultural commercial motor vehicle, except that, if the agricultural commercial motor vehicle is operated for purposes of spraying pesticides or spreading lime or fertilizer but not including manure application and has extending tires, fenders, or fender flares, the total outside width of the

agricultural commercial motor vehicle may not exceed 12 feet. This paragraph does not apply to an agricultural commercial motor vehicle on a highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

**SECTION 21.** 348.05 (2g) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by [2013 Wisconsin Act 377](#), is amended to read:

348.05 (2g) (a) (intro.) ~~Subject Except as provided in par. (c), and subject to par. (b), subsection sub. (2) (a) also applies to implements of husbandry while being operated or transported by an implement dealer or farmer for purposes of delivery, repair, or servicing of the implement of husbandry if the implement of husbandry is being operated or transported under either of the following circumstances:~~

**SECTION 22.** 348.05 (2g) (b) of the statutes, as created by [2013 Wisconsin Act 377](#), is renumbered 348.05 (2g) (b) 1. and amended to read:

348.05 (2g) (b) 1. Paragraph (a) applies to a person operating or towing an implement of husbandry only if the person operating or transporting the implement of husbandry complies with ss. 347.24 (3), 347.245 (1), and 347.25 (2g), as applicable. For purposes of this subdivision, the requirements under ss. 347.24 (3), 347.245 (1), and 347.25 (2g) shall apply to an implement of husbandry being towed to the same extent as if the implement of husbandry were being operated.

2. Paragraph (a) applies to a person transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry only if the person complies with s. 347.24 (3) (b) 1. For purposes of this paragraph subdivision, the requirements under ss. s. 347.24 (3), 347.245 (1), and 347.25 (2g) (b) 1. shall apply to an implement of husbandry being transported by trailer or semitrailer to the same extent as if the implement of husbandry were being operated.

**SECTION 23.** 348.05 (2g) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

348.05 (2g) (c) This subsection does not apply to implements of husbandry being transported by trailer or semitrailer on a highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, but does apply to implements of husbandry being operated or towed on a highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

**SECTION 24.** 348.05 (3m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by [2015 Wisconsin Act 15](#), is amended to read:

348.05 (3m) (a) Subject to par. (c), implements of husbandry of any width may be transported by trailer or semitrailer, without a permit, on a highway ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm to or from a farm-related destination,~~ at times other than hours of darkness.

**SECTION 25.** 348.05 (3m) (b) of the statutes, as created by [2015 Wisconsin Act 15](#), is amended to read:

348.05 (3m) (b) This subsection does not apply to the national system of interstate and defense highways,

except for that portion of I 39 between USH 51 and I 90/94.

**SECTION 26.** 348.05 (3m) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.05 (3m) (c) Paragraph (a) applies only if the person transporting the implement of husbandry complies with ss. ~~s. 347.24 (3), 347.245 (1), and 347.25 (2g), as applicable.~~ (b) 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the requirements under ~~ss. s. 347.24 (3), 347.245 (1), and 347.25 (2g)~~ (b) 1. shall apply to an implement of husbandry being transported to the same extent as if the implement of husbandry were being operated.

**SECTION 27.** 348.05 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:

348.05 (3r) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), and subject to s. 348.09 (3) (b), sub. (2) (am) also applies to agricultural commercial motor vehicles while being operated or transported by trailer or semitrailer by an implement dealer or farmer for purposes of delivery, repair, or servicing of the agricultural commercial motor vehicle if the agricultural commercial motor vehicle is being operated or transported by trailer or semitrailer under either of the following circumstances:

1. Directly from a farmer's owned or leased land to the business location of an implement dealer that is within a 75-mile radius of the farmer's owned or leased land.

2. Directly from the business location of an implement dealer to a farmer's owned or leased land that is within a 75-mile radius of the implement dealer's business location.

(b) This subsection does not apply to agricultural commercial motor vehicles being operated or transported by trailer or semitrailer on a highway that is a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways.

**SECTION 28.** 348.05 (3t) of the statutes is created to read:

348.05 (3t) (a) Subject to par. (b) and s. 348.09 (3) (b), agricultural commercial motor vehicles not exceeding the width specified in sub. (2) (am) may be transported by trailer or semitrailer, without a permit, on a highway to or from a farm-related destination, at times other than hours of darkness.

(b) This subsection does not apply to the national system of interstate and defense highways.

**SECTION 29.** 348.06 (2) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.06 (2) (intro.) Implements of husbandry, and 2-vehicle combinations transporting by trailer or semitrailer implements of husbandry ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm~~ to or from a farm-related destination, of any height may be operated upon a highway without a permit for excessive height. The operator of the implement of husbandry or 2-vehicle combination is responsible for ensuring that there is adequate height clearance between the implement of husbandry

being operated or transported and any overhead structure or obstruction, other than a structure or obstruction that is any of the following:

**SECTION 30.** 348.07 (2) (e) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.07 (2) (e) 2. Except as provided in subd. 3., 100 feet for implements of husbandry that are 2-vehicle combinations and for 2-vehicle combinations transporting by trailer or semitrailer implements of husbandry ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm~~ to or from a farm-related destination.

**SECTION 31.** 348.07 (2r) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.07 (2r) Subsection (2) (e) also applies to implements of husbandry while being transported by trailer or semitrailer on a highway ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm~~ to or from a farm-related destination.

**SECTION 32.** 348.09 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is renumbered 348.09 (3) (a) and amended to read:

348.09 (3) (a) ~~This~~ Subject to par. (b), this section does not apply if the load is an implement of husbandry being transported as provided in s. 348.05 (2g) or (3m) or an agricultural commercial motor vehicle being transported as provided in s. 348.05 (3r) or (3t).

**SECTION 33.** 348.09 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

348.09 (3) (b) No person may transport by trailer or semitrailer on a highway an agricultural commercial motor vehicle exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in total outside width unless the agricultural commercial motor vehicle is equipped with at least 2 amber flashing warning lamps that are lighted and visible from both the front and rear. When lighted, these lamps shall be capable of being seen and distinguished under normal atmospheric conditions during hours of darkness at a distance of 500 feet from the front and rear of the agricultural commercial motor vehicle. These lamps shall be mounted, as nearly as practicable, to indicate the extreme width of the agricultural commercial motor vehicle, but not more than 16 inches from the lateral extremities of the agricultural commercial motor vehicle.

**SECTION 34.** 348.15 (3) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (3) (b) The gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle may not exceed 20,000 pounds or, if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle, or is a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm~~ to or from a farm-related destination, and is operated on or before January 1, 2020, 23,000 pounds. In addition, the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of the

steering axle of a truck tractor may not exceed 13,000 pounds unless the manufacturer's rated capacity of the axle and the tires is sufficient to carry the weight, but not to exceed 20,000 pounds.

**SECTION 35.** 348.15 (3) (g) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (3) (g) (intro.) Notwithstanding par. (c), if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle, or is a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm to or from a farm-related destination~~, and is operated on or before January 1, 2020, the gross weight imposed on the highway by any group of 2 or more consecutive axles of the vehicle or vehicle combination may not exceed the maximum gross weights in the following table for each of the respective distances between axles and the respective numbers of axles of a group: [See Figure 348.15 (3) (g) following]

**SECTION 36.** 348.15 (9) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (9) (a) Except as provided in pars. (c), (cm), (e), and (f), the increased weight allowance for implements of husbandry and agricultural commercial motor vehicles under sub. (3) (b) and (g) applies in lieu of, not in addition to, any other increased weight allowance for implements of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicles authorized under this chapter.

**SECTION 37.** 348.15 (9) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (9) (b) Except as provided in par. (e), the maximum gross weight for an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle operated on a highway without a permit may not exceed 92,000 pounds. Except as provided in par. (e), the maximum gross weight for a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm to or from a farm-related destination~~, and operated on a highway without a permit, may not exceed 92,000 pounds.

**SECTION 38.** 348.15 (9) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.15 (9) (c) 2. A potato harvester is not required to be accompanied by any escort vehicle under subd. 1. if the potato harvester is traveling ~~between fields or between a farm and a field to or from a farm-related destination~~ and is operated on the highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less.

**SECTION 39.** 348.15 (9) (cm) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (9) (cm) 1. Notwithstanding sub. (3) (a), (b), (c), and (g), there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles for a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an empty potato harvester

~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm to or from a farm-related destination~~ if, subject to subd. 2., the 2-vehicle combination is accompanied by one or more escort vehicles operating with hazard lights activated, except that such a 2-vehicle combination is subject to any weight limitation posted as provided in s. 348.17 (1). Except as provided in par. (e), such a 2-vehicle combination transporting a potato harvester is subject to the maximum gross weight limitation for 2-vehicle combinations transporting implements of husbandry specified in par. (b).

2. A 2-vehicle combination transporting a potato harvester is not required to be accompanied by any escort vehicle under subd. 1. if the potato harvester is being transported ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm to or from a farm-related destination~~ on a highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less.

**SECTION 40.** 348.15 (9) (e) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (9) (e) 2. Notwithstanding par. (c) and sub. (3) (a), (b), (c), and (g), but subject to subd. 3., there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles, and no gross weight limitation, for an implement of husbandry described in s. 340.01 (24) (a) 1. b., or for an agricultural commercial motor vehicle used as described in s. 340.01 (1o) (e) 1., that is traveling ~~between fields or between a farm and a field to or from a farm-related destination~~ and is operated on the highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less.

**SECTION 41.** 348.15 (9) (e) 4. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (9) (e) 4. Notwithstanding par. (cm) and sub. (3) (a), (b), (c), and (g), but subject to subd. 3., there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles, and no gross weight limitation, for a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry described in s. 340.01 (24) (a) 1. b. or agricultural commercial motor vehicle used as described in s. 340.01 (1o) (e) 1. ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm to or from a farm-related destination~~, on a highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less.

**SECTION 42.** 348.15 (9) (f) 1m. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.15 (9) (f) 1m. Notwithstanding par. (cm) and sub. (3) (a), (b), (c), and (g), and except as provided in subd. 3. and par. (e), there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles, and no gross weight limitation other than that specified in par. (b), for a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry described in s. 340.01 (24) (a) 1. b. or agricultural commercial motor vehicle used as described in s. 340.01 (1o) (e) 1. ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm to or from a farm-related destination~~, on a highway that is not designated under subd. 2. a.

**SECTION 43.** 348.27 (19) (b) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.27 (19) (b) 1. Subject to subds. 3. and 5. b. and par. (c), a person may apply to the maintaining authority of a highway for an annual or consecutive month, no-fee permit to operate an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle that exceeds limitations on length or weight, or both, imposed by this chapter. Subject to subds. 3. and 5. b. and par. (c), a person may also apply to the maintaining authority of a highway for an annual or consecutive month, no-fee permit to operate a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle that exceeds limitations on length or weight, or both, imposed by this chapter and that is being transported on the highway ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm~~ to or from a farm-related destination. Upon receiving a complete application for a no-fee permit under this subsection, the maintaining authority shall provide the applicant with a final decision on the application within 3 weeks of its receipt. If the maintaining authority fails to approve or deny the application within this 3-week period, the application is considered approved until the applicant receives a denial meeting the requirements under subd. 4. or until 6 weeks from receipt of the application. If the maintaining authority fails to approve or deny the application within 6 weeks of its receipt, the application is approved.

**SECTION 44.** 348.27 (19) (b) 5. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.27 (19) (b) 5. a. The governing body of a municipality or county may, by resolution or ordinance, authorize operation on any or all highways under the municipality's or county's jurisdiction of implements of husbandry and agricultural commercial motor vehicles that exceed limitations on length or weight, or both, imposed by this chapter. The governing body of a municipality or county may also, by resolution or ordinance, authorize operation on any or all highways under the municipality's or county's jurisdiction of 2-vehicle combinations transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle that exceeds limitations on length or weight, or both, imposed by this chapter and that is being transported ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm~~ to or from a farm-related destination. If the governing body of a municipality or county adopts a resolution or ordinance under this subd. 5. a., the resolution or ordinance shall be valid for at least one calendar year. For a resolution or ordinance under this subd. 5. a. to be effective in any calendar year, the resolution or ordinance must be adopted on or before November 30 of the prior year. No amendment to a resolution or ordinance is effective in a calendar year unless the amendment was adopted on or before November 30 of the prior year.

**SECTION 45.** 348.27 (19) (c) 1m. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.27 (19) (c) 1m. With respect to any highway under its jurisdiction, and as provided in subd. 9. and par. (b) 4m. b., a maintaining authority may issue an annual or consecutive month, no-fee permit authorizing operation on the highway of a 2-vehicle combination transporting by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle that exceeds limitations on length or weight, or both, imposed by this chapter and that is being transported ~~from farm to field, from field to field, or from farm to farm~~ to or from a farm-related destination, if the applicable requirements of this subsection are satisfied.

**SECTION 46.** 348.27 (19) (c) 11. of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (19) (c) 11. If an application for a no-fee permit identifies multiple identical implements of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicles to be operated on the same highways, as provided in par. (d) 1m., the maintaining authority shall issue a no-fee permit that identifies, and authorizes operation of, each implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle identified in the application. The permittee may make copies of the no-fee permit and, for purposes of s. 348.28, carry a copy of the permit, in lieu of the original, on any implement of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicle identified in the no-fee permit.

**SECTION 47.** 348.27 (19) (cm) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15, is amended to read:

348.27 (19) (cm) If a no-fee permit is issued under this subsection authorizing a 2-vehicle combination to transport by trailer or semitrailer an implement of husbandry, the permit shall require the person transporting the implement of husbandry to comply with ~~ss. s. 347.24 (3), 347.245 (1), and 347.25 (2g), as applicable. (b) 1.~~ For purposes of this paragraph, the requirements under ~~ss. s. 347.24 (3), 347.245 (1), and 347.25 (2g) (b) 1.~~ shall apply to an implement of husbandry being transported to the same extent as if the implement of husbandry were being operated.

**SECTION 48.** 348.27 (19) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 (19) (cr) If a no-fee permit is issued under this subsection authorizing a 2-vehicle combination to transport by trailer or semitrailer an agricultural commercial motor vehicle exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in total outside width, the permit shall require the person transporting the agricultural commercial motor vehicle to comply with s. 348.09 (3) (b).

**SECTION 49.** 348.27 (19) (d) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

348.27 (19) (d) 1. (intro.) The department shall prescribe an application form for no-fee permits, and amendments to no-fee permits, under this subsection.

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Except with respect to permits under par. (b) 5. b., this form shall be used by each maintaining authority. ~~The~~ Subject to subd. 1m., the application form shall require the applicant to provide, on the form or as an attachment, all of the following information:

**SECTION 50.** 348.27 (19) (d) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

348.27 **(19)** (d) 1m. The application form under subd.

1. for a no-fee permit shall provide the applicant an opportunity to identify, in one application, multiple identical vehicles or vehicle combinations constituting implements of husbandry or agricultural commercial motor vehicles for which application is made if each such implement of husbandry or agricultural motor vehicle will be operated on the same highways identified by the applicant under par. (c) 3.

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