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GOOD NEWS – Wisconsin has eliminated the requirement for a special permit to authorize towing two trailers for recreational use by passage of Act 59 of 2011. You may now operate a three vehicle combination for recreational purposes, without a permit, as long as you meet the following requirements:

Basics -

- Combination is made up of a registered power unit and two towed vehicles.
- No vehicle in the combination is longer than 45' or taller than 13'06" or wider than 8'06" – except that a motor home used as a power unit has specified additional width for appurtenances installed by the manufacturer or dealer, i.e.,
 - 6 inches on the driver's side and/or 4 inches on the passenger side installed at least 8 feet above the road.
- Total combination length does not exceed 65 feet.
- No vehicle in the combination is overweight.
- No operation during bad weather or poor road conditions due to weather or other conditions affecting visibility and safety.

Authorized Combination –

- Towing vehicle followed by a-
 - recreational vehicle (towed vehicle, with rigid walls, intended for human habitation) or
 - camping trailer (towed vehicle, with collapsible or folding sides, intended for human habitation)
 - followed by a trailer that is either empty or loaded with any of the following vehicles –
 - Boat, bicycle, moped, motor bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, sailboard, personal watercraft or electric personal assistive mobility device.
- Unless structurally infeasible, the lightest towed vehicle must be the last vehicle in the combination.

Brakes -

- If the combined weight of both towed vehicles exceeds 3,000 lbs, at least one of the towed vehicles must have operating brakes.

Yours sincerely,

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