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1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 340.01 (61), 341.14 (6m) (b) 2., 341.264 (3), 341.28 (2) (c), 341.28
2 (4) (d), 341.31 (1) (b) 7., 341.31 (6) and 342.14 (9); *to renumber and amend*
3 343.14 (5), 343.19 (2) and 345.17; *to consolidate, renumber and amend*
4 341.14 (6m) (b) (intro.) and 1.; *to amend* 70.112 (5), 77.995, 85.024 (2), 341.03
5 (2) (a), 341.04 (1) (intro.), 341.04 (3) (a), 341.06 (1) (am), 341.09 (1) (b), 341.09
6 (2) (g), 341.09 (2m) (a) 1. b., 341.09 (2m) (a) 2., 341.09 (9), 341.14 (1), 341.14 (1a),
7 341.14 (1m), 341.14 (1q), 341.14 (1r) (a), 341.14 (2), 341.14 (6) (a), 341.14 (6m)
8 (a), 341.14 (6r) (b) 1., 341.14 (6r) (bg) 1., 341.145 (1) (a), 341.145 (1) (b), 341.145
9 (2) (a), 341.25 (1) (a), 341.26 (7) (b), 341.264 (1) and (2) (a), 341.28 (4) (c), 341.308
10 (2), 341.35 (1), 342.06 (1) (b), 342.10 (1) (d), 342.15 (4) (a), 342.30 (2), 342.34 (1)
11 (c), 343.50 (4), 344.25 (2), 344.26 (1), 344.27 (2), 344.31, 344.33 (2), 344.46 (1),
12 346.10 (3), 346.195 (2) (c), 346.205 (2) (c), 346.457 (2) (c), 346.465 (2) (c), 346.485
13 (2) (c), 346.505 (3) (b) 3., 346.945 (2) (c), 348.25 (6) and 885.237 (2); *to repeal*
14 *and recreate* 341.14 (6r) (g), 341.145 (5) and 341.27 (3) (a); and *to create*

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1 341.405 (2m), 343.14 (5) (a), 343.14 (5) (b), 343.14 (9), 343.19 (2) (a), 343.19 (2)
2 (b), 343.19 (4), 345.17 (1) (a), 345.17 (1) (b), 345.17 (1) (c) and 345.17 (2) of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** the term “station wagon”; requests for personalized
4 vehicle registration plates; the contents of certificates of vehicle title; motor
5 vehicle financial responsibility laws; temporary operation plates for leased
6 vehicles; the location of vehicle identification numbers; the expiration date of
7 trailer fleet registration; credit and plate transfer provisions associated with
8 the registration of automobiles; the elimination of certain replacement plate
9 fees; registering semitrailers under the international registration plan; motor
10 vehicles passing within 100 feet of an intersection located outside of a business
11 or residential district; the renumbering of statutory provisions prohibiting
12 individuals from making false statements to the department of transportation;
13 deadlines for submitting applications and awarding grants under the bicycle
14 and pedestrian facilities grant program; granting rule-making authority; and
15 providing penalties (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of
16 transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the department of transportation and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of this bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

17 **SECTION 1.** 70.112 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 70.112 (5) MOTOR VEHICLES, BICYCLES, SNOWMOBILES. Every automobile, motor
2 bicycle, motor bus, motorcycle, motor truck, moped, road tractor, school bus,
3 snowmobile, ~~station wagon~~, truck tractor, or other similar motor vehicle, or trailer
4 or semitrailer used in connection therewith.

NOTE: SECTIONS 1, 2, 4 to 7, 9 to 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 42, 47, 49, 71 to 77 and
79 eliminate the definition of, and references to, station wagons which exist in the
statutes. According to DOT, DOT does not distinguish between automobiles and station
wagons for registration purposes, so the definition of, and references to, "station wagon"
serves no useful purpose and should be deleted.

5 **SECTION 2.** 77.995 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **77.995 Imposition.** There is imposed a fee at the rate of 3%, or 5% for the
7 rental of limousines, of the gross receipts on the rental, but not for rerental and not
8 for rental as a service or repair replacement vehicle of Type 1 automobiles, as defined
9 in s. 340.01 (4) (a); ~~of station wagons, as defined in s. 340.01 (61);~~ of mobile homes,
10 as defined in s. 340.01 (29); of motor homes, as defined in s. 340.01 (33m); and of
11 camping trailers, as defined in s. 340.01 (6m) by establishments primarily engaged
12 in short-term rental of vehicles without drivers, for a period of 30 days or less, unless
13 the sale is exempt from the sales tax under s. 77.54 (1), (4), (7) (a), (7m) or (9a). In
14 this section, "limousine" means a passenger automobile that has a capacity of 10 or
15 fewer persons, excluding the driver; that has a minimum of 5 seats behind the driver;
16 that is operated for hire on an hourly basis under a prearranged contract for the
17 transportation of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under the
18 control of the person who hires the vehicle and not over a defined regular route; but
19 "limousine" does not include taxicabs, hotel or airport shuttles or buses, buses
20 employed solely in transporting school children or teachers, vehicles owned and
21 operated without charge or remuneration by a business entity for its own purposes,
22 vehicles used in carpools or vanpools, public agency vehicles that are not operated

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1 as a commercial venture, vehicles operated as part of the employment transit
2 assistance program under s. 106.26, ambulances or any vehicle that is used
3 exclusively in the business of funeral directing.

4 **SECTION 3.** 85.024 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 85.024 (2) The department shall administer a bicycle and pedestrian facilities
6 program to award grants of assistance to political subdivisions for the planning,
7 development or construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. ~~Annually, the~~ The
8 department shall award from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (2) (nx) grants to
9 political subdivisions under this section. A political subdivision that is awarded a
10 grant under this section shall contribute matching funds equal to at least 25% of the
11 amount awarded under this section. ~~The department shall select grant recipients~~
12 ~~annually beginning in 1994 from applications submitted to the department on or~~
13 ~~before April 1 of each year.~~

NOTE: This SECTION amends current law to allow DOT to award bicycle and
pedestrian facility grants at any time during the calendar year and will eliminate the
requirement that for each year's grants, all applications must be submitted on or before
April 1 of each year.

14 **SECTION 4.** 340.01 (61) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 5.** 341.03 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 341.03 (2) (a) Any person who violates sub. (1), where the vehicle used is an
17 automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or any other vehicle having a gross weight rating of 10,000
18 pounds or less, as determined by the manufacturer of the vehicle, may be required
19 to forfeit not more than \$200.

20 **SECTION 6.** 341.04 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.04 (1) (intro.) It is unlawful for any person to operate or for an owner to
22 consent to being operated on any highway of this state any motor vehicle, mobile
23 home, trailer or semitrailer or any other vehicle for which a registration fee is

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1 specifically prescribed unless at the time of operation the vehicle in question either
2 is registered in this state, or, except for registration under s. 341.30 or 341.305, a
3 complete application for registration, including evidence of any inspection under s.
4 110.20 when required, accompanied by the required fee has been delivered to the
5 department, submitted to a dealer under s. 341.09 (2m) for transmittal to the
6 department or deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid and,
7 if the vehicle is an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered
8 weight of 8,000 pounds or less, the vehicle displays a temporary operation plate
9 issued for the vehicle unless the operator or owner of the vehicle produces proof that
10 operation of the vehicle is within 2 business days of the vehicle's sale or transfer, or
11 the vehicle in question is exempt from registration.

12 **SECTION 7.** 341.04 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.04 **(3)** (a) Any person who violates sub. (1) or (2), where the vehicle used
14 is an automobile, ~~station wagon~~, or any other vehicle having a gross vehicle weight
15 rating of 10,000 pounds or less, as determined by the manufacturer of the vehicle,
16 may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

17 **SECTION 8.** 341.06 (1) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.06 **(1)** (am) A trailer or semitrailer or camping trailer having a gross weight
19 of 3,000 pounds or less and not used for hire or rental. The registration fee charged
20 under this paragraph shall be the same as if the trailer or semitrailer were to be used
21 for hire or rental the fee under s. 341.25 (1) (gd).

NOTE: Under current s. 341.06 (1) (am), stats., a person may register a trailer or semitrailer or camping trailer that has a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less and is not used for hire or rental. The registration fee is the same as if it were to be used for hire or rental. Under s. 341.25 (1) (gd), stats., for each trailer or semitrailer or camping trailer that has a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less and is used for hire or rental, the fee is 1/2 of the fee prescribed for a motor truck of the same weight. Also, under s. 341.308, stats., the owner of a fleet of 100 or more trailers each having a gross weight of 4,500 pounds or less and used for hire or rental may register the trailers for a 6-year period ending on

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June 30. This SECTION inserts a cross-reference for s. 341.25 (1) (gd), stats., under which trailers used for hire or rental are registered. This change, combined with the change made to s. 341.308 (2), stats., by SECTION 39, will allow registrations for all 3 categories of trailers to expire on the same date and allow DOT to consolidate small trailer registration plates with large trailer registration plates that expire on December 31. See also the NOTE following SECTION 39.

SECTION 9. 341.09 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (1) (b) The department shall specify by rule the size, color, design, form and specifications of temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less, and the system to be used to identify the date of issuance of such plates. All temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less shall contain a registration number composed of letters or numbers.

SECTION 10. 341.09 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (2) (g) A temporary operation plate may not be issued under this subsection to a state resident for use on an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less.

SECTION 11. 341.09 (2m) (a) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (2m) (a) 1. b. A state resident who purchases or leases an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less from a person other than the dealer for use on such vehicle if the state resident submits to the dealer a complete application for registration of the vehicle, including evidence of any inspection under s. 110.20 when required, and for a new certificate of title for ~~the~~ a purchased vehicle, together with a check or money order made payable to the department for all applicable title, registration, security interest and sales tax moneys, for transmittal to the department by the dealer.

NOTE: SECTIONS 11 and 12 apply the same provisions in current law regarding motor vehicle dealer issuance of temporary license plates to leased vehicles, as well as to

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purchased vehicles. According to DOT, these changes reflect the current prevalence of vehicle leasing arrangements. See also the NOTE following SECTION 1.

SECTION 12. 341.09 (2m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 **(2m)** (a) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., the department shall issue a sufficient number of temporary operation plates without charge to each dealer licensed in this state for issuance under this subdivision. Each dealer shall issue a temporary operation plate without charge to any state resident who purchases or leases from the dealer an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less, for use on such vehicle if the state resident submits to the dealer a complete application for registration of the vehicle, including evidence of inspection under s. 110.20 when required, and for a new certificate of title for the a purchased vehicle, together with a check or money order made payable to the department for all applicable title, registration, security interest and sales tax moneys, for transmittal to the department by the dealer.

SECTION 13. 341.09 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 **(9)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department shall issue a temporary operation plate without charge for an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less upon receipt of a complete application accompanied by the required fee for registration of the vehicle, including evidence of any inspection under s. 110.20 when required, if the department does not immediately issue the regular registration plates for the vehicle and the department determines that the applicant has not otherwise been issued a temporary operation plate under this section.

SECTION 14. 341.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(1)** If any resident of this state who is registering or has registered an automobile ~~or station wagon~~, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual

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1 purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm
2 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home
3 submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from the
4 U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying to the department that the resident
5 is, by reason of injuries sustained while in the active U.S. military service, a person
6 with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall
7 procure, issue and deliver to the veteran, plates of a special design in lieu of the plates
8 which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates. The
9 plates shall have a light blue background except for a white border not to exceed one
10 inch at top and bottom, and blue lettering, except that the word “VET” and the
11 identifying number shown on the plates shall be colored red. The plates shall be so
12 designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is
13 owned by a disabled veteran and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s.
14 346.50 (2). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance
15 or renewal of such plates.

16 **SECTION 15.** 341.14 (1a) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 67,
17 is amended to read:

18 341.14 (1a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an
19 automobile ~~or station wagon~~, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual
20 purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm
21 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home,
22 submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a
23 physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse
24 licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or
25 certified to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic

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1 in any state or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed
2 in the Christian Science journal certifying to the department that the resident is a
3 person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department
4 shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person plates of a special design in
5 lieu of plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the
6 plates. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers
7 of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a nonveteran disabled person and is entitled
8 to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the
9 registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of such plates.

10 **SECTION 16.** 341.14 (1m) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 67,
11 is amended to read:

12 341.14 **(1m)** If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once
13 every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice
14 medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing
15 in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state,
16 from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian
17 Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal
18 certifying that another person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for
19 transportation is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk,
20 the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver plates of a special design
21 in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or station
22 wagon, or motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having
23 a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of
24 not more than 12,000 pounds or motor home, and shall renew the plates. The plates
25 shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the

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1 vehicle is operated by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly
2 dependent and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No
3 charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal
4 of the plates. The plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

5 **SECTION 17.** 341.14 (1q) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 67,
6 is amended to read:

7 341.14 (1q) If any employer who provides an automobile ~~or station wagon~~, or
8 a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a
9 gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight
10 of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, for an employee's use submits to the
11 department a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from
12 a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice
13 nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed
14 or certified to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice
15 chiropractic in any state or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this
16 state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying that the employee is a
17 person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department
18 shall issue and deliver to such employer plates of a special design in lieu of the plates
19 which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates. The
20 plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact
21 that the vehicle is operated by a disabled person and is entitled to the parking
22 privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee may
23 be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates. The plates shall conform to the
24 plates required in sub. (1a).

25 **SECTION 18.** 341.14 (1r) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.14 **(1r)** (a) If any resident of this state who is registering or has registered
2 an automobile ~~or station wagon~~, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual
3 purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm
4 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home
5 submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, certifying
6 to the department that the vehicle is leased to a person who qualifies for special
7 plates under sub. (1) or (1a) together with the information required under sub. (1)
8 or (1a), the department shall issue and deliver to the resident, plates of the
9 appropriate special design under sub. (1) or (1a) in lieu of the plates which ordinarily
10 would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates. No charge in addition
11 to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates. No
12 plates may be issued and delivered to a resident under this paragraph on or after
13 January 1, 1998.

14 **SECTION 19.** 341.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.14 **(2)** Upon compliance with the laws relating to registration of
16 automobiles, ~~station wagons~~ and motor homes; motor trucks, dual purpose motor
17 homes and dual purpose farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than
18 8,000 pounds; and farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 12,000
19 pounds, including payment of the prescribed registration fees therefor plus an
20 additional fee of \$10 when registration plates are issued accompanied by an
21 application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant is the holder of an
22 unexpired amateur radio station license issued by the federal communications
23 commission, the department shall issue registration plates on which, in lieu of the
24 usual registration number, shall be inscribed in large legible form the call letters of

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1 such applicant as assigned by the federal communications commission. The fee for
2 reissuance of a plate under this subsection shall be \$10.

3 **SECTION 20.** 341.14 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.14 **(6)** (a) Upon application to register an automobile ~~or station wagon~~ or
5 a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than
6 8,000 pounds by any person who was a member of any of the U.S. armed services and
7 who was held as a prisoner of war during any of the conflicts described in s. 45.35 (5)
8 (e) 2. to 8. or in Bosnia, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, Somalia or a Middle East crisis
9 under s. 45.34, and upon submission of a statement from the U.S. department of
10 veterans affairs certifying that the person was a prisoner of war during one of the
11 conflicts described in s. 45.35 (5) (e) 2. to 8. or in Bosnia, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama,
12 Somalia or a Middle East crisis under s. 45.34, the department shall issue to the
13 person a special plate which is colored red, white and blue and which has the words
14 “ex-prisoner of war” placed on the plate in the manner designated by the
15 department.

16 **SECTION 21.** 341.14 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.14 **(6m)** (a) Upon application to register an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or
18 motor truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds by any person
19 who is a resident of this state and a member or retired member of the national guard,
20 the department shall issue to the person special plates whose colors and design shall
21 be determined by the department, after consultation with the adjutant general, and
22 which have the words “Wisconsin guard member” placed on the plates in the manner
23 designated by the department. An additional fee of \$10 shall be charged for the
24 issuance of the plates. Registration plates issued under this subsection shall expire
25 annually.

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1 **SECTION 22.** 341.14 (6m) (b) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated,
2 renumbered 341.14 (6m) (b) and amended to read:

3 341.14 **(6m)** (b) Except as provided in par. (c), if an individual in possession of
4 special plates under this subsection or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (b)
5 does not maintain membership in the national guard during a year which is not a
6 plate issuance year, the individual shall ~~do all of the following: 1. Dispose~~ dispose
7 of the special plates in a manner prescribed by the department.

NOTE: SECTIONS 22, 23, 26 and 30 eliminate the \$4 replacement fee that is charged when someone who is no longer eligible for certain special group plates reregisters a vehicle to a regular plate. These changes correspond to the changes in SECTIONS 36 to 38, 40 and 41 of the bill that eliminate the provisions in current law which prohibit the owner of an automobile that is being registered with DOT from receiving credit for the unused portion of another automobile's registration or transferring the automobile's license plates to the automobile that is being registered, if these credit or plate transfer provisions have applied, within the previous 12-month period, to the automobile that is being registered.

8 **SECTION 23.** 341.14 (6m) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 24.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 1. Upon application to register an automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or
11 motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck
12 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has
13 a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of
14 this state and a member of an authorized special group, the department shall issue
15 to the person special plates whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle
16 is owned by a person who is a member of the applicable special group.

17 **SECTION 25.** 341.14 (6r) (bg) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.14 **(6r)** (bg) 1. Upon application to register an automobile, ~~station wagon~~
19 or motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm
20 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which
21 has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident

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1 of this state and a member of the authorized special group under par. (f) 52., the
2 department shall issue to the person special plates whose colors and design shall
3 indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member of that special group.

4 **SECTION 26.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

5 341.14 **(6r)** (g) If an individual in possession of special plates under par. (f) 33.,
6 34. or 48. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design
7 as special plates under par. (f) 33., 34. or 48. does not maintain membership in the
8 applicable authorized special group during a year that is not a plate issuance year,
9 the individual shall dispose of the special plates in a manner prescribed by the
10 department.

11 **SECTION 27.** 341.145 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.145 **(1)** (a) A registration plate for an owned automobile ~~or station wagon~~
13 or a motor home registered for an annual registration period under s. 341.29 or
14 341.295 or a motorcycle or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose
15 farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck
16 which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, which displays a
17 registration number composed of letters or numbers, or both, requested by the
18 applicant. Personalized registration plates under this paragraph shall be of the
19 same color and design as regular registration plates and shall consist of numbers or
20 letters, or both, not exceeding 5 positions and not less than one position for a plate
21 issued for a motorcycle or not exceeding 7 positions and not less than one position for
22 all other plates.

23 **SECTION 28.** 341.145 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.145 **(1)** (b) A registration plate of the same color and design as provided in
25 s. 341.14 (6m) for an owned automobile, ~~station wagon~~ or motor truck having a gross

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1 weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, which displays a registration number
2 composed of letters or numbers, or both, not exceeding 7 positions and not less than
3 one position, requested by the applicant.

4 **SECTION 29.** 341.145 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.145 **(2)** (a) The request and alternative thereto is received by the
6 department in writing ~~by mail~~ by the 15th day of the month in which the vehicle is
7 to be registered;

NOTE: This SECTION eliminates the requirement that personalized license plates be applied for by mail. According to DOT, it was necessary to have this application-by-mail requirement at the inception of the personalized license plate program because of the competition for certain popular plate messages. However, because most of the plate messages in great demand have already been issued, and because DOT has routinized the application process, this requirement is no longer necessary.

8 **SECTION 30.** 341.145 (5) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

9 341.145 **(5)** If an individual in possession of a personalized registration plate
10 does not maintain the personalized registration plate under sub. (3) during a year
11 that is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the personalized plate
12 in a manner prescribed by the department.

13 **SECTION 31.** 341.25 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.25 **(1)** (a) For each automobile ~~or station wagon~~, a fee of \$45, except that
15 an automobile registered in this state prior to September 1, 1947, at a fee of less than
16 \$18 shall be registered at such lesser fee plus an additional fee of \$2.

17 **SECTION 32.** 341.26 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.26 **(7)** (b) When engaged in passenger-carrying operations other than as
19 provided in par. (a) or sub. (2) (d), a school bus shall be registered as a motor bus at
20 a fee determined under s. 341.25 (2), or as an automobile ~~or station wagon~~ at the fee
21 provided in s. 341.25 (1) (a). Fees for registration under s. 341.25 (2) may be paid in
22 accordance with ss. 341.30 and 341.31. Fees for part-quarterly registration shall be

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1 computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual fee multiplied by the number of
2 months of the current quarter which have not fully expired on the date of the
3 application. If a vehicle was not operated in other than school bus service, a
4 statement of nonoperation satisfactory to the department shall be filed with the
5 application.

6 **SECTION 33.** 341.264 (1) and (2) (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

7 341.264 (1) Upon application and payment of a fee of \$50, the department shall
8 register a semitrailer which is operated in connection with a truck tractor or hauled
9 by a motor vehicle and used with a device which converts the semitrailer to a trailer.
10 ~~Except for a semitrailer registered under sub. (3), registration~~ Registration under
11 this section is valid without the payment of any additional fee while the registrant
12 is the owner of the semitrailer and, with respect to the sale of a leased semitrailer
13 to the lessee of the semitrailer, while the former lessee is the owner of the semitrailer
14 if the lessee reimbursed the lessor of the semitrailer at the time of registration of the
15 semitrailer for payment of the registration fee under this subsection. The
16 department shall issue a permanent semitrailer registration plate to evidence
17 registration under this subsection.

18 (2) (a) Upon the sale of a semitrailer registered under this section, the seller
19 shall remove the registration plate and destroy it. The purchaser shall immediately
20 apply for registration and pay the full applicable fee prescribed in sub. (1) ~~or~~
21 ~~established under sub. (3).~~ This paragraph does not apply to the sale of a leased
22 semitrailer to a lessee eligible to maintain permanent registration of the semitrailer
23 under sub. (1).

NOTE: SECTIONS 33, 34 and 43 provide that current 12-year plates for semitrailers issued under the international registration plan (IRP) would no longer be issued. Instead, these provisions permit DOT to register semitrailers under the IRP and to issue

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base plates for each semitrailer registered under the IRP. According to DOT, motor carriers who operate in California who must have an IRP trailer plate would have the permanent semitrailer plate if these provisions were adopted, rather than the current plate which is renewed every 12 years.

SECTION 34. 341.264 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 35. 341.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

341.27 **(3)** (a) If the applicant holds current registration plates that were removed from an automobile that the applicant no longer owns or that has been junked, is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the plates were issued under the system of registration prescribed by this section, the department shall register the automobile which is the subject of the application for the remainder of the unexpired registration period.

NOTE: This SECTION provides that DOT must register certain automobiles for the remainder of an unexpired registration period if the application is for the reregistration of certain automobiles.

SECTION 36. 341.28 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: SECTIONS 36 to 38, 40 and 41 repeal provisions that prohibit transfer of plates or registration credit to a vehicle if it has already been involved in a transfer or credit within the last 12 months. According to DOT, this prohibition was originally established to deter the abuse of license plate transfer provisions, but DOT has found this type of abuse to be rare. Therefore, the prohibition is no longer needed.

SECTION 37. 341.28 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 **(4)** (c) The automobile is owned by a person who has been in active military service and less than 12 months of nonoperation have elapsed since the end of the period for which the automobile was previously registered, provided the applicant files with the department a statement of such nonoperation; ~~or.~~

SECTION 38. 341.28 (4) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 39. 341.308 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.308 **(2)** The registration of trailers under this section shall be valid for a
2 6-year period ~~and shall expire on June 30~~. Upon receipt of an application and the
3 initial registration fees under sub. (3), the department shall issue a registration plate
4 for each trailer. The registration of trailers added to the fleet during the 6-year
5 registration period shall expire on the expiration date of the original fleet
6 registration. If trailers are removed from the fleet during the 6-year registration
7 period, the fleet owner shall dispose of the plates in the manner prescribed by the
8 department.

NOTE: This SECTION deletes the June 30 registration expiration date for fleets or small trailers which will allow all trailer registrations to expire on the same date. See also the NOTE following SECTION 8.

9 **SECTION 40.** 341.31 (1) (b) 7. of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 41.** 341.31 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 42.** 341.35 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.35 **(1)** ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE. In this section “municipality” means a
13 town, village or city and “motor vehicle” means an automobile ~~or station wagon~~ or
14 motor truck registered under s. 341.25 (1) (c) at a gross weight of not more than 8,000
15 pounds. The governing body of a municipality or county may enact an ordinance
16 imposing an annual flat municipal or county registration fee on all motor vehicles
17 registered in this state which are customarily kept in the municipality or county. A
18 registration fee imposed under this section shall be in addition to state registration
19 fees.

20 **SECTION 43.** 341.405 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

21 341.405 **(2m)** The department may register semitrailers under the
22 international registration plan. The department may establish a fee for registration
23 under this subsection based on administrative cost.

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1 **SECTION 44.** 342.06 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 342.06 (1) (b) A description of the vehicle, including make, ~~model~~, identification
3 number and any other information or documentation that the department may
4 reasonably require for proper identification of the vehicle or for determination of the
5 mileage of the vehicle as disclosed by prior transferors.

NOTE: SECTIONS 44 and 45 eliminate the requirement that the vehicle title include a description of the model of the vehicle. According to DOT, the model name included on the title is currently abbreviated to 3 characters, and the system of abbreviation used by DOT causes confusion among vehicle title holders. According to DOT, because the vehicle model information is stored in DOT's database and is available through on-line inquiry, it is not necessary to show this information on the title document.

6 **SECTION 45.** 342.10 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 342.10 (1) (d) A description of the vehicle, including make, ~~model~~ and
8 identification number.

9 **SECTION 46.** 342.14 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: This SECTION repeals the \$4 transfer fee for the transfer of registration or credits for registration to a vehicle currently titled in the name of the applicant.

10 **SECTION 47.** 342.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 342.15 (4) (a) If the vehicle being transferred is a motorcycle or an automobile
12 ~~or station wagon~~ registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual
13 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more
14 than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000
15 pounds, the owner shall remove the registration plates and retain and preserve them
16 for use on any other vehicle of the same type and gross weight which may
17 subsequently be registered in his or her name.

18 **SECTION 48.** 342.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 342.30 (2) ~~An~~ Except as provided in this subsection, an identification number
20 assigned by the department to a ~~mobile home, trailer or semitrailer~~ shall be stamped
21 ~~upon the frame in a readily visible location. An identification number assigned to~~

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1 a motor vehicle manufactured prior to January 1, 1969, shall be permanently affixed
2 to a location on the left front pillar. The vehicle identification number for motor
3 vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1969, shall be permanently affixed upon
4 either a part of the vehicle that is not designed to be removed except for repair, or a
5 separate plate which is permanently affixed to such part. The vehicle identification
6 number shall be located inside the passenger compartment and shall be readable,
7 without moving any part of the vehicle, through the vehicle glazing under daylight
8 lighting conditions by an observer having 20/20 vision (Snellen) whose eyepoint is
9 located outside the vehicle adjacent to the left windshield pillar that is readily visible
10 when observed from outside the vehicle, as specified by the department by rule.
11 Identification numbers assigned for cycles shall be stamped on the left side, near the
12 top of the engine casting just below the cylinder barrel. Such stamping or affixing
13 shall be done under the supervision of a dealer, distributor or manufacturer
14 registered under s. 341.51 or under the supervision of a peace officer. The person
15 supervising the stamping or affixing shall make a report thereof to the department.

NOTE: This SECTION deletes the requirement that the vehicle identification number be permanently affixed to specific vehicle locations, and instead provides that it shall be permanently affixed to a readily visible location on the vehicle when observed from outside the vehicle, as specified by the department by rule. According to DOT, it is not always practicable to place the vehicle identification number inside the windshield, for example, without removing the windshield. DOT has already established a policy, which allows vehicle identification numbers to be placed in other visible locations. However, some vehicle owners have received citations for improper placement of the identification number because the statute still provides for specific locations. Therefore, DOT states that this change will be more workable and will eliminate confusion that currently exists among law enforcement personnel.

16 **SECTION 49.** 342.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 342.34 (1) (c) If the vehicle is a motorcycle or an automobile or station wagon
18 registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor
19 home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000
20 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the

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owner shall remove the registration plates and retain and preserve them for use on any other vehicle of the same type which may subsequently be registered in his or her name. If the vehicle is not a motorcycle or an automobile or station wagon registered under s. 341.27, or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, he or she shall remove and destroy the plates.

SECTION 50. 343.14 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 343.14 (5) (intro.) and amended to read:

343.14 (5) (intro.) ~~Any~~ No person who uses may use a false or fictitious name in any application for a license or identification card or knowingly makes make a false statement or knowingly ~~conceals~~ conceal a material fact or otherwise ~~commits~~ commit a fraud in an application for any such application ~~may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.~~ of the following:

NOTE: SECTIONS 50 to 53, while making no substantive changes, reorganizes s. 343.14 (5), stats., which provides that any person who uses a false or fictitious name, knowingly makes a false statement, conceals a material fact or commits fraud in an application for a license or identification card may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both.

SECTION 51. 343.14 (5) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

343.14 (5) (a) A license.

SECTION 52. 343.14 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

343.14 (5) (b) An identification card.

SECTION 53. 343.14 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

343.14 (9) Any person who violates sub. (5) may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

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1 **SECTION 54.** 343.19 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 343.19 (2) (intro.) and
2 amended to read:

3 343.19 **(2)** (intro.) ~~Any~~ No person who may knowingly makes make a false
4 statement in an application for a duplicate license or identification card or who fails
5 fail to return the original license or identification card to the department upon
6 finding it or ~~who fails~~ fail to comply with any other requirement of this section ~~may~~
7 ~~be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.~~
8 relating to an application for any of the following:

NOTE: SECTIONS 54 to 57, while making no substantive changes, reorganizes s.
343.19, stats., which provides that any person who knowingly makes a false statement
in an application for duplicate license or identification card or fails to return the original
license or identification card to DOT upon finding it or who fails to comply with any other
requirement of s. 343.19, stats., relating to an application for a duplicate license or
identification card may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than
6 months, or both.

9 **SECTION 55.** 343.19 (2) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

10 343.19 **(2)** (a) A duplicate license.

11 **SECTION 56.** 343.19 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

12 343.19 **(2)** (b) A duplicate identification card.

13 **SECTION 57.** 343.19 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

14 343.19 **(4)** Any person who violates sub. (2) may be fined not more than \$1,000
15 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

16 **SECTION 58.** 343.50 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 343.50 **(4)** APPLICATION. The application for an identification card shall include
18 the information required under s. 343.14 (2) (a) and (b) and (2m), such further
19 information as the department may reasonably require to enable it to determine
20 whether the applicant is entitled by law to an identification card and, for applicants
21 who are aged 65 years or older, material, as provided by the department, explaining

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1 the voluntary program that is specified in s. 71.55 (10) (b). The department shall,
2 as part of the application process, take a photograph of the applicant to comply with
3 sub. (3). No application may be processed without the photograph being taken.
4 Misrepresentations are in violation of s. 343.14 (5) are punishable as provided in s.
5 343.14 (5) (9).

NOTE: This SECTION clarifies that misrepresentations in applications for
identification cards under s. 343.50, stats., are in violation of s. 343.14 (5), stats., and are
punishable as provided in s. 343.14 (9), stats.

6 **SECTION 59.** 344.25 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 344.25 (2) If the judgment creditor consents in writing in such form as the
8 secretary may prescribe that the judgment debtor be allowed to retain or reinstate
9 the operating privilege and registrations, the same may be allowed by the secretary
10 for 6 months from the date of such consent and thereafter until such consent is
11 revoked in writing, notwithstanding default in the payment of such judgment or of
12 any instalments thereof as prescribed in s. 344.27, provided the judgment debtor
13 furnishes proof of financial responsibility for the future and maintains such proof at
14 all times when such license and registrations are in effect during a period of 3 years
15 following the ~~entry of the judgment~~ date on which the agreement is filed with the
16 secretary.

NOTE: SECTIONS 59 to 61 change the requirements for the filing of proof of financial
responsibility for the future for the reinstatement of an operating privilege which is
revoked due to a judgment for damages having been entered against a motor vehicle
operator. Currently, filing proof of financial responsibility for damage judgment
revocations is required for 3 years following the entry of the judgment. According to DOT,
these changes will make the proof of financial responsibility filing requirement for
damage judgment revocations consistent with all other operating privilege revocations
and will help ensure that the person is financially responsible prior to reinstatement of
the driving privilege.

17 **SECTION 60.** 344.26 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 344.26 (1) Subject to the exceptions stated in ss. 344.25 (2) and 344.27 (2), any
19 operating privilege or registration revoked pursuant to s. 344.25 shall remain

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1 revoked until every judgment mentioned in s. 344.25 is stayed, satisfied or
2 discharged and, unless 3 years have elapsed since the date of entry of the judgment
3 ~~which was the cause for revocation on which the judgment was stayed, satisfied or~~
4 discharged, until the person whose operating privilege and registration was revoked
5 furnishes proof of financial responsibility for the future and maintains such proof at
6 all times during such 3-year period when the operating privilege or registration is
7 in effect.

8 **SECTION 61.** 344.27 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 344.27 (2) The secretary shall not revoke the operating privilege or registration
10 and shall restore any operating privilege or registration revoked following
11 nonpayment of a judgment when the judgment debtor obtains such order permitting
12 the payment of the judgment in instalments and, unless 3 years have elapsed since
13 the entry of judgment date on which the order permitting the payment of the
14 judgment in instalments is filed with the secretary, furnishes and maintains proof
15 of financial responsibility for the future.

16 **SECTION 62.** 344.31 of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **344.31 Certification of insurance as proof.** Proof of financial responsibility
18 for the future may be furnished by filing with the secretary the written certification
19 of any insurer duly authorized to do business in this state that there is in effect a
20 motor vehicle liability policy for the benefit of the person required to furnish proof
21 of financial responsibility or by transmitting such certification to the secretary by
22 another means approved by the secretary. Such certification shall give the effective
23 date of such motor vehicle liability policy, which date shall be the same as the
24 effective date of the certification and shall certify coverage for any motor vehicle
25 operated by the named insured if the certification is required to be furnished by a

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1 vehicle operator or coverage for any motor vehicle owned by the named insured if the
2 certification is required to be furnished by a vehicle owner.

NOTE: SECTIONS 62 and 63 amend current law regarding the required filing of proof of financial responsibility for the future to require vehicle owners, and not just vehicle operators, to file this proof. 1991 Wisconsin Act 269 made significant changes to Wisconsin's safety responsibility law. One of these changes required vehicle owners to file proof of financial responsibility before reinstatement of suspended or revoked vehicle registrations. This change was not carried over to the statutes requiring the filing of proof of financial responsibility for the future, and these SECTIONS make that change.

3 **SECTION 63.** 344.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 344.33 (2) MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY POLICY. A motor vehicle policy of liability
5 insurance shall insure the person named therein using any motor vehicle with the
6 express or implied permission of the owner, or shall insure any motor vehicle owned
7 by the named insured and any person using such motor vehicle with the express or
8 implied permission of the named insured, against loss from the liability imposed by
9 law for damages arising out of the maintenance or use of the motor vehicle within
10 the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, subject to the limits
11 exclusive of interest and costs, with respect to each such motor vehicle as follows:
12 \$25,000 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident and,
13 subject to such limit for one person, \$50,000 because of bodily injury to or death of
14 2 or more persons in any one accident, and \$10,000 because of injury to or destruction
15 of property of others in any one accident.

16 **SECTION 64.** 344.46 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 344.46 (1) No owner of a motor vehicle involved in an accident in this state
18 which is reportable under s. 346.70 shall transfer the ownership or registration of
19 any vehicle whose registration is subject to revocation under s. 344.14 until this
20 chapter until all of the applicable provisions of this chapter has been complied with

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1 or until the secretary is satisfied that such transfer is proposed in good faith and not
2 for the purpose or with the effect of defeating the purposes of this chapter.

NOTE: This SECTION deletes the reference to s. 344.14, stats., to make s. 344.46 (1), stats., applicable to all revocations that are made under ch. 344, such as ss. 344.08, 344.14 and 344.25, stats.

3 **SECTION 65.** 345.17 of the statutes is renumbered 345.17 (1) (intro.) and
4 amended to read:

5 345.17 (1) (intro.) Unless another civil or criminal penalty is expressly
6 prescribed by law, any no person making may make a false statement to the
7 department or secretary of ~~said department~~ on which such the department or the
8 secretary relies in performing an act, issuing a duplicate title, license or operating
9 privilege, or administering any law which the department or secretary is required
10 by law to administer or perform, shall, on the first offense be required to forfeit not
11 less than \$25 nor more than \$100; and, on the 2nd and each subsequent offense not
12 less than \$100 nor more than \$500.;

NOTE: SECTIONS 65 to 69, while making no substantive changes, reorganizes s. 345.17, stats., which provides that unless another criminal penalty is expressly prescribed by law, any person who makes a false statement on which DOT or the secretary of transportation relies in issuing a duplicate title or a duplicate license or operating privilege or in performing an act or administering a law that the department or secretary is required by law to perform must forfeit not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the second and each subsequent offense.

13 **SECTION 66.** 345.17 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

14 345.17 (1) (a) Issuing a duplicate title.

15 **SECTION 67.** 345.17 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

16 345.17 (1) (b) Issuing a duplicate license or operating privilege.

17 **SECTION 68.** 345.17 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

18 345.17 (1) (c) Performing an act or administering a law that the department
19 or secretary is required by law to administer or perform.

20 **SECTION 69.** 345.17 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 345.17 (2) Any person who violates sub. (1) shall forfeit not less than \$25 nor
2 more than \$100 for the first offense and shall forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than
3 \$500 for the 2nd and each subsequent offense.

4 **SECTION 70.** 346.10 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 346.10 (3) Outside of a business or residence district, the restrictions which
6 sub. (2) places upon passing at an intersection apply only if such intersection has
7 been is designated by an official traffic sign or signal, regardless of whether such sign
8 or signal was intended to guide, direct, warn or regulate traffic in the direction of
9 travel by a traffic control signal, stop sign, yield sign or sign that warns traffic of
10 existing or potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to the roadway.

NOTE: This SECTION clarifies that an operator of a motor vehicle may overtake and
pass any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction when approaching within 100 feet
of or traversing an intersection that is located outside of a business or residential district
unless the intersection is designated in the direction of the person's travel by a traffic
control signal, stop sign, yield sign or sign that warns traffic of existing or potentially
hazardous conditions on or adjacent to the highway.

11 **SECTION 71.** 346.195 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 346.195 (2) (c) Identification of the vehicle as an automobile, ~~station wagon,~~
13 motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

14 **SECTION 72.** 346.205 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 346.205 (2) (c) Identification of the vehicle as an automobile, ~~station wagon,~~
16 motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

17 **SECTION 73.** 346.457 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.457 (2) (c) Identification of the vehicle as an automobile, ~~station wagon,~~
19 motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

20 **SECTION 74.** 346.465 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 346.465 (2) (c) Identification of the vehicle as an automobile, ~~station wagon,~~
22 motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

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1 **SECTION 75.** 346.485 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 346.485 **(2)** (c) Identification of the vehicle as an automobile, ~~station wagon,~~
3 motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

4 **SECTION 76.** 346.505 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 346.505 **(3)** (b) 3. Identification of the vehicle as an automobile, ~~station wagon,~~
6 motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

7 **SECTION 77.** 346.945 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 346.945 **(2)** (c) Identification of the motor vehicle as an automobile, ~~station~~
9 ~~wagon,~~ motor truck, motor bus, motorcycle or other type of vehicle.

10 **SECTION 78.** 348.25 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 348.25 **(6)** The officer or agency authorized by s. 348.26 or 348.27 to issue
12 permits may require the permittee to file proof satisfactory to such officer or agency
13 that personal injury and property damage insurance in an amount considered
14 sufficient by such officer or agency will be in force to cover any claim for bodily injury
15 or property damage which may occur in connection with operation under the permit
16 and for which the permittee is legally responsible. ~~Proof of such insurance shall be~~
17 ~~required in the case of annual permits for transportation of oversize mobile homes.~~

NOTE: This SECTION deletes the requirement that proof of insurance for the transportation of oversized mobile homes be filed with DOT before a multiple trip permit may be obtained. According to DOT, this requirement should be eliminated because DOT does not require other types of multiple trip permittees to file proof of insurance; therefore, it should not be required in this case.

18 **SECTION 79.** 885.237 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 885.237 **(2)** Notwithstanding s. 341.04, the fact that an automobile, ~~station~~
20 ~~wagon~~ or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less is located
21 on a highway, as defined in s. 340.01 (22), and is not displaying valid registration
22 plates, a temporary operation plate or other evidence of registration as provided

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1 under s. 341.18 (1) is prima facie evidence, for purposes of ch. 341, that the vehicle
2 is an unregistered or improperly registered vehicle.

3 **SECTION 9348. Initial applicability; transportation.**

4 (1) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. The treatment of sections 344.25 (2),
5 344.26 (1) and 344.27 (2) of the statutes first applies to revocations occurring on the
6 effective date of this subsection.

7 (2) VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. The treatment of section 342.30 (2) of the
8 statutes first applies to identification numbers affixed on the effective date of this
9 subsection.

10 (3) OVERSIZE MOBILE HOME PERMITS. The treatment of section 348.25 (6) of the
11 statutes first applies to permits applied for on the effective date of this subsection.

12 (4) TRANSFER OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP OR REGISTRATION. The treatment of section
13 344.46 (1) of the statutes first applies to accidents occurring on the effective date of
14 this subsection.

15 (5) FALSE STATEMENTS. The renumbering and amendment of section 345.17 of
16 the statutes and the creation of sections 345.17 (1) (a), (b) and (c) and (2) of the
17 statutes first apply to violations of section 345.17 (1) of the statutes occurring on the
18 effective date of this subsection, but does not preclude the counting of other violations
19 as prior violations for determining the amount of the forfeiture to be imposed.

20 **SECTION 9448. Effective dates; transportation.** This act takes effect on the
21 day after publication, except as follows:

22 (1) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. The treatment of sections 344.25 (2),
23 344.26 (1) and 344.27 (2) of the statutes and SECTION 9348 (1) take effect on the first
24 day of the 4th month beginning after publication.

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1 (2) VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. The treatment of section 342.30 (2) of the
2 statutes and SECTION 9348 (2) of this act take effect on the first day of the 4th month
3 beginning after publication.

4 (END)