



2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 849

February 21, 2008 - Introduced by Representatives HONADEL, KRUSICK, STONE, MURTHA, LOTHIAN, BALLWEG, ALBERS, TOWNSEND and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators PLALE, GROTHMAN, COWLES and LEHMAN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 340.01 (72) (a) and 341.47 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 registration plates for vehicle transporters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who transports motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or recreational vehicles, either by towing on the vehicles' own wheels or under the vehicles' own power, may register as a transporter with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and obtain special transporter registration plates. A transporter may tow or operate one of the designated types of vehicles without the vehicle being registered with DOT, provided the transporter displays valid transporter plates upon the vehicle and transports the vehicle between certain entities involved in the sale of such vehicles, including a dealer, a distributor, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer.

This bill allows a transporter, who is a 3rd party and has no ownership interest, to display transporter registration plates on a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle being transported from a dealer, a distributor, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer to the purchaser of such vehicle, or from any location to a dealer, a distributor, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 340.01 (72) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 340.01 (**72**) (a) A person who is engaged in this state in the business of
3 transporting and delivering motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers or recreational
4 vehicles in tow on their own wheels or under their own power from ~~the manufacturer~~
5 ~~to the~~ a distributor, a dealer, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer to
6 the purchaser, or from the any location to a distributor or, a dealer to another
7 ~~distributor or dealer~~, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer or from the
8 ~~branch of the manufacturer to the distributor, dealer or manufacturer,~~ and who is a
9 3rd party with no ownership interest in the vehicles.

10 **SECTION 2.** 341.47 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.47 (**3**) A vehicle which is being transported in tow on its own wheels or
12 under its own power from ~~the manufacturer to the~~ a distributor, a dealer, the
13 manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer to the purchaser, or from ~~the any~~
14 location to a distributor or, a dealer to another distributor or dealer or to, the
15 manufacturer, or a branch of manufacturer, or from the branch of the manufacturer
16 ~~to the distributor, dealer or manufacturer~~ by a transporter of vehicles who is a 3rd
17 party with no ownership interest in the vehicle, need not be registered if such vehicle
18 has displayed upon it valid registration plates issued to the transporter pursuant to
19 s. 341.51. The requirement under this subsection that the vehicle be transported in
20 tow on its own wheels or under its own power does not apply to trailers, semitrailers
21 or truck tractors.

22 (END)