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CHAPTER 194.

AN ACT to amend chapter 85 (chapter title), 85.01 (1), and 85.141 (section title), of the statutes, relating to operators' licenses, vehicles and traffic and motor vehicle registration.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 85 (chapter title) of the statutes is amended to read:

CHAPTER 85 :*** * * VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

SECTION 2. 85.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.01 (1) REQUIRED; MANNER OF ENFORCEMENT.

No automobile, motor truck, motor delivery wagon, bus, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle or trailer or semitrailer used in connection therewith, shall be operated upon any highway unless the same shall have been registered in the office of the motor vehicle department, and the registration fee paid. * * * Any person who shall operate an automobile or motor cycle, or any person, except as hereinafter provided, who shall operate after July 15, a motor truck, tractor truck, bus, tractor, trailer or semitrailer, unless the same shall have been registered, as hereinbefore provided, may be arrested by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, city or village marshal, constable or any other police officer, and brought before any judge of a court of record or justice of the peace. Such judge or justice shall impose the penalty provided by subsection (12) * * *, and in addition require such person to make application for registration and pay the fee therefor, and \$2 in addition thereto. Such judge or justice shall forthwith forward such application and fee to the motor vehicle department, and pay the \$2 collected in addition to the registration fee to the informant. The absence of number plates shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle is not registered. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any motor vehicle while being operated by any dealer or distributor, in accordance with the provisions of section 85.02, nor to any motor vehicle while being operated by any private person within a period of 10 days from the date of purchase of such vehicle by such private person, provided that

application for registration has been made, or to any vehicle displaying official permit issued by the motor vehicle department. The motor vehicle registration fee for any vehicle registered under this chapter as a bus, truck, trailer or semitrailer may be paid on a quarterly basis when the registered gross weight of such vehicle is 8,000 pounds or more, or any vehicle operated in conjunction with another such vehicle as a unit having an aggregate combined registered gross weight of 8,000 pounds or more. The quarterly registration fee for each quarter shall be one-quarter of the annual fee plus \$1. The quarters are the three-month periods commencing on July 1, October 1, January 1 and April 1; and no vehicle permit shall be issued pursuant to section 194.47 or 194.48 until such quarterly or annual registration fee shall have been paid. The quarterly permit plate so issued shall cover all licenses, fees, and tax due under chapter 194 and shall be in lieu of the license number plate issued for the quarter period for which it is issued. No such quarterly plate shall be issued except it appear by affidavit that such vehicle was not operated on the highways of this state during the previous quarter of the license year without the payment of the annual or quarterly registration fee due for such previous quarter. If such vehicle was not operated on the highways during any quarter it shall be exempt from the payment of the registration fee for such quarter in which it was not used. If such vehicle is new or has not previously been registered in this state, and the time of registration falls within any such quarter, the owner thereof may at his option pay for the remainder of the quarter during which he desires to so operate which fee shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual fee multiplied by the number of months within the quarter which have not fully expired. The quarterly registration fees so collected shall be deposited in the state treasury. The provisions of * * * subsection (4) * * * (h) shall not apply to the provisions of this subsection relating to quarterly payment.

SECTION 3. 85.141 (section title) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.141 (section title) ACCIDENTS * * * INVOLVING VEHICLES.

Approved May 29, 1947.