

CHAPTER 651

AN ACT to amend 85.01 (4) (e) 1 (as repealed and recreated by chapter 320, laws of 1953); and to create 20.492 and 85.01 (4) (e) 1m of the statutes, relating to certain trailers and semitrailers exempt from registration and the refunding of registration fees previously paid thereon, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.492 of the statutes is created to read:

20.492 SMALL TRAILER REGISTRATION FEE REFUND. Because the provisions of s. 85.01 (4) (e) 1, as repealed and recreated by chapter 320, laws of 1953, inadvertently provided for licensing certain trailers which had previously been exempt from licensing, the legislature hereby finds that it is a matter of public policy that this error be rectified by returning the fees collected. There is appropriated to the commissioner of the motor vehicle department from the highway fund a sum sufficient from which the commissioner shall refund all registration fees paid on each trailer or semitrailer designed to be hauled by a motor vehicle and having a gross weight of 1½ tons or less and not used for hire to all persons having paid such fee pursuant to chapter 320, laws of 1953.

SECTION 2. 85.01 (4) (e) 1 of the statutes (as repealed and recreated by chapter 320, laws of 1953) is amended to read:

85.01 (4) (e) 1. *Except as otherwise provided by subd. 1m or par. (em)*, for the registration of each trailer defined in s. 85.10 (11) * * * designed to be hauled by a motor vehicle other than a truck tractor, one-half the annual fee specified in par. (c) for a motor truck of the same maximum gross weight.

SECTION 3. 85.01 (4) (e) 1m of the statutes is created to read:

85.01 (4) (e) 1m. Each trailer or semitrailer designed to be hauled by a motor vehicle and having a gross weight of 1½ tons or less and not used for hire, no registration or fee.

SECTION 4. PROVISIONS SEVERABLE. The several terms and provisions of this section shall be deemed severable and if any provisions of this section, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the section and the application of such provision or provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Approved November 19, 1953.
