



2023 SENATE BILL 164

April 3, 2023 - Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Representatives OLDENBURG, BROOKS, MURSAU and ROZAR. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 59.58 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** county registration of
2 animal-drawn vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows a county, town, village, or city to enact an ordinance to collect an annual registration fee for motor vehicles that weigh less than 8,000 pounds and are customarily kept in the county, town, village, or city.

This bill allows a county to enact an ordinance requiring registration of, and imposing an annual flat registration fee not to exceed \$100 on, animal-drawn vehicles that are operated on a highway and customarily kept in the county. The ordinance, however, may not require the registration of animal-drawn vehicles that are used solely for recreational purposes or that are implements of husbandry. The bill requires a county to pay 50 percent of any such fee to a town in which the vehicle is customarily kept. The registration fee moneys may be used only for transportation purposes or for actual administrative costs related to the collection of the registration fee.

For further information see the local 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 59.58 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

SENATE BILL 164**SECTION 1**

1 59.58 **(6)** REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES. (a) Except as provided in
2 this paragraph, the board may enact an ordinance requiring registration of, and
3 imposing an annual flat registration fee not to exceed \$100 on, animal-drawn
4 vehicles that are operated on a highway and customarily kept in the county. If an
5 animal-drawn vehicle is customarily kept in more than one county, a county may not
6 require registration or impose a registration fee if the vehicle has been registered in
7 a county in which the vehicle is customarily more often kept. An ordinance under
8 this paragraph may require that proof of registration be displayed on or carried with
9 the registered vehicle. An ordinance under this paragraph may not require the
10 registration of an animal-drawn vehicle that is used solely for recreational purposes,
11 including use in a parade, or that is an implement of husbandry, as defined in s.
12 340.01 (24).

13 (b) If a vehicle that is subject to a fee under an ordinance enacted under par.
14 (a) is customarily kept in a town, the board shall pay 50 percent of the fee to that
15 town.

16 (c) Registration fees collected under an ordinance enacted under par. (a) or paid
17 under par. (b) may be used only for transportation purposes or for actual
18 administrative costs related to the collection of the fees.

19 (d) No registration fee that is imposed under an ordinance enacted under par.
20 (a) may be imposed on an animal-drawn vehicle that is a replacement for an
21 animal-drawn vehicle for which a current registration fee has been paid.

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(END)