

1999 SENATE BILL 310

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 340.01 (18) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** considering
2 vehicles used in the operation of greenhouses and other similar structures as
3 “farm trucks”.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, farm trucks may be registered for roughly one-seventh to one-half the registration fee required for other motor trucks. A “farm truck” is any motor truck used primarily or, for motor trucks weighing 38,000 pounds or more, exclusively for the transportation of supplies, farm equipment and products on the owner’s farm or between his or her farms, for the transportation of farm products from the owner’s farm to market and for the transportation of supplies to the owner’s farm. A registered farm truck may not be used in furtherance of any nonfarm occupation, trade, profession or other employment, including commuting to or from the place of such nonfarm occupation, trade, profession or employment. Any motor truck that is classified as a “farm truck” is exempted from motor vehicle emission limitations and emission inspections and from the prohibition against transporting children under 16 years of age in open cargo areas of the truck when it is operated in conjunction with farm operations and such a motor truck may be operated by persons at least 14 years of age who hold a restricted license. Current law considers greenhouses and similar structures as “farms” for purposes of farm truck registration only if the structures are used principally for the production of food and farm plants. *Holton & Hunkel Greenhouse Co. v. State*, 274 Wis. 337, 342 (Ct. App. 1957).

