

## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 141

February 25, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives HUBER, STONE, ZIEGELBAUER, BOCK, SPILLNER, KREUSER, URBAN, LA FAVE, SERATTI, TRAVIS, PLOUFF, J. LEHMAN, PETROWSKI, STASKUNAS and POCAN, cosponsored by Senators BURKE, HUELSMAN, DECKER, ROESSLER, PLACHE and BAUMGART. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 341.08 (2) (c), 341.11 (1) and 341.17 (2); and *to create* 341.08  
2           (2) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** vehicle color and motor vehicle registration  
3           and providing a penalty.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, an applicant for registration of a motor vehicle must provide a description of the vehicle, including the vehicle's make, model and identification number. Current law requires the department of transportation (DOT) to compile a list of new automobiles and motor trucks being registered for the first time after purchase from a motor vehicle dealer.

This bill requires the applicant for registration of a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or a vehicle having a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds, to include the vehicle's color in the application. The bill requires DOT to include a place on the registration application form for the applicant to identify the vehicle's current color, if the color has changed since the vehicle was last registered. The bill also requires that the vehicle color be included in the compiled registration list of new vehicles.

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

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

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1           **SECTION 1.** 341.08 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           341.08 (2) (c) A description of the vehicle, including make, model, color,  
3 identification number and any other information which the department may  
4 reasonably require for proper identification of the vehicle. An application for a  
5 motorcycle or for a vehicle registered at a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds is  
6 not required to include the vehicle color in the description of the vehicle.

7           **SECTION 2.** 341.08 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

8           341.08 (2) (cm) A place for the applicant to indicate whether the color of the  
9 vehicle being registered has changed from the color specified on the certificate of  
10 registration and, if so, the new color.

11           **SECTION 3.** 341.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           341.11 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2) the department upon registering a  
13 vehicle shall issue and deliver to the owner a certificate of registration. The  
14 certificate shall contain the name, residence and address of the owner; a brief  
15 description of the vehicle, including its color; the registration number assigned; and  
16 the date of expiration of registration. The certificate shall be in such form and may  
17 contain such additional information as the department deems advisable. A  
18 certificate for a motorcycle or for a vehicle registered at a gross weight of more than  
19 8,000 pounds is not required to include the vehicle color in the description of the  
20 vehicle.

21           **SECTION 4.** 341.17 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           341.17 (2) The department shall compile a list by counties of new automobile  
23 and motor truck registrations. Registrations for other new vehicles may be included  
24 if deemed necessary by the department. Such lists shall be compiled at such  
25 intervals during the month as is deemed necessary by the department but the final

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1 list compiled each month shall include the listing of the last day of the month. Such  
2 list shall contain only those vehicles being registered for the first time after sale by  
3 a dealer. Such list shall contain the name and address of the owner; the make, body  
4 type, and identification number of the vehicle; the color of the vehicle, if the vehicle  
5 is not a motorcycle or is not registered at a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds;  
6 the dealer license number, if such dealer is registered in this state; and the date of  
7 sale.

8 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to applications for registration of vehicles submitted  
10 to the department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

11 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

12 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after  
13 publication or on January 1, 2000, whichever is later.

14 (END)