



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 54

January 21, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives BRANDEMUEHL, FREESE, SYKORA, F. LASEE, PETTIS, HAHN, GRONEMUS, TURNER, STONE, AINSWORTH, OLSEN, GROTHMAN, ALBERS, LASSA and RYBA, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

- 1 AN ACT *to renumber* 341.51 (6); and *to create* 341.51 (6) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** issuing dealer registration plates to motor vehicle salvage pools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a motor vehicle salvage pool (any person who is engaged primarily in the business of selling or distributing damaged motor vehicles at wholesale, whether or not the motor vehicles are owned by that person) to be licensed by the department of transportation as a wholesaler and to obtain at least two dealer registration plates at a cost of \$75 each. Dealer registration plates issued to a wholesaler may only be used on motor vehicles that are owned or being repossessed by the wholesaler. Many motor vehicle salvage pools sell motor vehicles only on consignment, and so neither own nor repossess motor vehicles.

This bill eliminates the requirement that motor vehicle salvage pools obtain dealer registration plates, but allows motor vehicle salvage pools to obtain the plates if so desired. This bill does not change current law that generally prohibits the operation upon a highway of any motor vehicle that is not properly registered or displaying dealer registration plates.

For further information see the *state* 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:

