AN ACT to renumber 349.18 (2); to amend 349.18 (3); and to create 349.18 (2)
(b) of the statutes; relating to: the authority of certain cities, villages, or towns
to regulate the operation of bicycles owned by nonresidents.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any city, village, or town (municipality) may enact an
ordinance that regulates the operation of bicycles and motor bicycles and may also
require registration of any bicycle and motor bicycle that is owned by a resident of
the municipality. Such registration may include the payment of a registration fee.
Also under current law, any county may require registration of any bicycle and motor
bicycle that is owned by a resident of the county if that bicycle or motor bicycle is not
subject to registration by a municipality.

Under this bill, any municipality that is located on an island may enact an
ordinance requiring the registration of any bicycle that is operated in the
municipality by a nonresident of the municipality. The ordinance may require the
payment of a registration fee. Such an ordinance may not take effect, however, until
the municipality enacts a similar ordinance, with an identical fee, for residents of the
island. Under the bill, the proceeds of such fees may be used only for the regulation
of bicycle or motor bicycle use and the creation, maintenance, and promotion of
bicycle facilities within the municipality.
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For further information see the state and 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:

SECTION 1. 349.18 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 349.18 (2) (a).

SECTION 2. 349.18 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

349.18 (2) (b) Any city, village, or town that is located on an island may enact an ordinance requiring registration of any bicycle that is operated by a nonresident of the city, village, or town. The ordinance may require the payment of a registration fee. An ordinance enacted under this paragraph may not take effect until the city, village, or town enacts a similar registration ordinance with an identical fee under par. (a). All fees collected from an ordinance enacted under this paragraph, and all fees collected from an ordinance enacted under par. (a) by a city, village, or town that is located on an island and that has enacted an ordinance under this paragraph, may be used only for the regulation of bicycle or motor bicycle use and the creation, maintenance, and promotion of bicycle facilities within the city, village, or town.

SECTION 3. 349.18 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

349.18 (3) Any county, by ordinance, may require the registration of any bicycle or motor bicycle owned by a resident of the county if the bicycle or motor bicycle is not subject to registration under sub. (2) (a). Such ordinance does not apply to any bicycle or motor bicycle subject to registration under sub. (2) (a), even if the effective date of the ordinance under sub. (2) (a) is later than the effective date of the county ordinance. A county may charge a fee for the registration.

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