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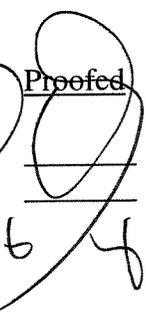
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**Department of Transportation  
2005-2007 Biennial Budget Request  
STATUTORY MODIFICATIONS**

**TOPIC:** Increase Motor Vehicle Registration Fees

**DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:**

Amend s. 341.25(1)(a) Wis. Stats., so that the annual registration fee for automobiles is \$70. Amend s. 341.25(1)(c) Wis. Stats., so that the annual registration fee for motor trucks, dual-purpose farm trucks, and dual-purpose motor homes with a gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds or less is a uniform \$78. Review any other statutory cross-references for possible changes.

The effective date of this change is the registration period beginning January 1, 2006.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The proposed changes in registration fees for automobiles and light motor trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds or less addresses a number of issues associated with the current registration fee structure. In addition, the fee changes provide additional revenue to the Department to fund critical transportation needs.

Enforcement Issues - State and local law enforcement indicate a general reluctance to enforce under-registration laws among light motor trucks. Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds or less, while subject to weight regulations, are not required to stop at truck weigh stations. Determining proper gross weight of the vehicle plus the weight of a load would be a judgment call or would require directing the driver to a certified scale. In addition, officers are concerned about enforcing weight restrictions when s. 341.25(1)(c) Wis. Stats., allows customers to register their trucks based on the load the owner intends to carry. Charging all light motor trucks a uniform fee would resolve any questions about proper registration. Law enforcement will continue to have the ability to enforce weight regulation based on observed safety considerations.

Highway Fatigue and Deterioration Issues - A single fee for all three light motor truck categories resolves questions over how to properly register trucks with hauling capacity. All motor truck owners, including light motor trucks, have the discretion to register their vehicles at a gross weight based on the owner's intended use of the vehicle. Since s. 341.25(1)(c) Wis. Stats., provides this discretion it is possible for vehicles with significant hauling capabilities to be registered at levels well below that capacity. This discretion means that the same vehicle can be registered at different registration fees and with different plates types (A, B, or C).

Division of Motor Vehicle field staff spends considerable time educating the public on proper vehicle registration. The three light motor truck weight categories have confused customers for many years. The increased popularity and growth in large sport utility vehicles, conversion vans, and mini-vans has increased the confusion and the debate on an appropriate registration fee for these types of vehicles. Charging a \$70 fee for passenger vehicles recognizes that the differences between passenger vehicles and light motor trucks are minimal and should be reflected in the size of the annual registration fee charged.

## 2005-07 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

- Topic: Increase Motor Vehicle Registration Fees
- Tracking Code: BB0275
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- Agency acronym: DOT
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This bill increases the annual fee for registering an automobile from \$55 to \$70<sup>✓</sup> and changes the annual fee for registering a motor truck or dual purpose motor home that weighs not more than 8,000 pounds to \$78<sup>✓</sup>.

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1 341.25 (1) (a) For each automobile, a fee of \$55 ~~\$70~~ except that an automobile  
2 registered in this state prior to September 1, 1947, at a fee of less than \$18 shall be  
3 registered at such lesser fee plus an additional fee of \$2.

4 **SECTION 2.** 341.25 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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6 ~~determined in accordance with sub. (2) on the basis of the maximum gross weight of~~  
7 ~~the vehicle that has a maximum gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a fee~~  
8 ~~of \$78. Maximum gross weight shall be determined by adding together the weight~~  
9 ~~in pounds of the vehicle when equipped to carry a load as a motor truck and the~~  
10 ~~maximum load in pounds which the applicant proposes to carry on the vehicle when~~  
11 ~~used as a motor truck.~~

12 **SECTION 9448. Effective dates; transportation.**

13 (1) REGISTRATION FEES. The treatment of section 341.25 (1) (a) and (c) of the  
14 statutes takes effect on January 1, 2006.

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~~4~~<sup>NO</sup> that weighs not more than 4,500 pounds from \$48.50 to \$65<sup>✓</sup>, for a vehicle that weighs not more than 6,000 pounds from \$61.50 to \$71<sup>✓</sup>, and for a vehicle that weighs not more than 8,000 pounds from \$77.50 to \$87.<sup>✓</sup>

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SECTION 1. 341.25 (2) (a)<sup>✓</sup> of the statutes is amended to read:

341.25 (2) (a) Not more than 4,500<sup>check Δ</sup> ..... \$ 48.50 ~~65.00~~<sup>keep</sup>

History: 1973 c. 67, 90, 270, 333; 1975 c. 39 s. 734; 1975 c. 136; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1422m to 1430, 1654 (7) (a); 1977 c. 288, 418; 1979 c. 34, 221; 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 175, 243; 1985 a. 65; 1985 a. 208 ss. 7, 8, 11; 1987 a. 212, 403; 1989 a. 31; 1991 a. 39; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 9, 80, 142; 2003 a. 33.

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