



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 175
[2007 Senate Bill 511]

**Registration Plates for Vehicle
Transporters**

Under *current law*, a person who transports motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or recreational vehicles, either by towing on the vehicles' own wheels or under the vehicles' own power, may register as a transporter with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and obtain special transporter registration plates. A transporter may tow or operate one of the designated types of vehicles without the vehicle being registered with DOT, provided the transporter displays valid transporter plates upon the vehicle and transports the vehicle between certain entities involved in the sale of such vehicles, including a dealer, a distributor, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer.

Act 175 allows a transporter, *who is a third party and has no ownership interest*, to display transporter registration plates on a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or recreational vehicle being transported from a dealer, a distributor, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer *to the purchaser* of such vehicle, or *from any location* to a dealer, a distributor, the manufacturer, or a branch of the manufacturer.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.