AN ACT to create 341.25 (1) (L) of the statutes; relating to: registration fees and surcharges for automobiles and certain motor trucks propelled by electrical energy.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation charges an annual registration fee of $75 for most automobiles and a varying fee based on the gross weight of the vehicle for most motor trucks that are registered within the state. Under this bill, if a motor truck or automobile is a nonhybrid electric vehicle, a surcharge of $125 is added to the registration fee for automobiles and for certain motor trucks with a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds.

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:

SECTION 1. 341.25 (1) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

341.25 (1) (L) 1. In this paragraph:

a. “Alternative fuel” means a gas, liquid, or other fuel that, with or without adjustment or manipulation such as adjustment or manipulation of pressure or
temperature, is capable of being used for the generation of power to propel a motor
vehicle, including, but not limited to, natural gas, compressed natural gas, liquefied
natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, hydrogen compressed natural gas,
or hythane. Alternative fuel does not include motor fuel, electricity, leaded racing
fuel, or an excluded liquid, as defined in 26 CFR 48.4081-1.

b. “Nonhybrid electric vehicle” means a vehicle that is propelled solely by
electrical energy and that is not capable of using gasoline, diesel fuel, or alternative
fuel to propel the vehicle.

2. If a motor truck or automobile is a nonhybrid electric vehicle, in addition to
the fee under par. (a) or (c), a surcharge of $125 shall be added to and collected with
the fee for each automobile and for each motor truck registered under par. (c) at a
gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application for registration received by the
department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.