AN ACT to create 59.58 (6) of the statutes; relating to: county registration of animal-drawn vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows a county, town, village, or city to enact an ordinance to collect an annual registration fee for motor vehicles that weigh less than 8,000 pounds and are customarily kept in the county, town, village, or city.

This bill allows a county to enact an ordinance requiring registration of, and imposing an annual flat registration fee not to exceed $100 on, animal-drawn vehicles that are customarily kept in the county and used primarily for transportation purposes. The bill also requires a county to pay 50 percent of any such fee to a town in which the vehicle is customarily kept. The registration fee moneys may be used only for transportation-related purposes or for actual administrative costs related to the collection of the registration fee.

For further information see the 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. 59.58 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

59.58 (6) REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES. (a) The board may enact an ordinance requiring registration of, and imposing an annual flat registration fee
not to exceed $100 on, animal-drawn vehicles that are customarily kept in the county and used primarily for transportation purposes. If an animal-drawn vehicle is customarily kept in more than one county, a county may not require registration or impose a registration fee if the vehicle has been registered in a county in which the vehicle is customarily more often kept. Recreational use or agricultural use of an animal-drawn vehicle is not use for a transportation purpose under this subsection.

(b) If a vehicle that is subject to a fee under par. (a) is customarily kept in a town, the county board shall pay 50 percent of the fee to that town.

(c) Registration fees collected under par. (a) or paid under par. (b) may be used only for transportation purposes or for actual administrative costs related to the collection of the fees.

(d) No registration fee under this subsection may be imposed on an animal-drawn vehicle that is a replacement for an animal-drawn vehicle for which a current registration fee has been paid.