2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 860

February 3, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives SCHRAA and SWEARINGEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 341.09 (7), 341.266 (2) (a), 341.266 (2) (b), 341.266 (2) (e) 3.,
341.268 (2) (a) 1., 341.268 (2) (a) 2., 341.268 (2) (a) 3., 341.268 (2) (a) 5., 341.268
(2) (b) and 341.268 (2) (e) 3.; and to create 341.266 (2) (am) and 341.268 (2) (am)
of the statutes; relating to: registration and operations of certain special
interest or reconstructed, replica, or street modified vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill modifies several requirements related to the registration and
operation of collector and hobbyist vehicles.

Current law provides special categories of vehicle registration for certain
former military vehicles and vehicles being preserved for their historic interest
(collector vehicles) and for certain reconstructed, replica, street modified, and
homemade vehicles (hobbyist vehicles). Among other requirements, certain vehicles
are eligible for registration as a collector or hobbyist vehicle only if the vehicle is at
least 20 years old. This bill increases the minimum age for such vehicles to 30 years,
extcept for those vehicles that are registered as collector or hobbyist vehicles on the
effective date of the bill.

Under current law, the fee to register a vehicle as a collector or hobbyist vehicle
is twice the regular annual registration fee for the type of vehicle being registered.
However, the owner may subsequently reregister the vehicle without the payment
of any additional fee. This bill increases the initial registration fee for these vehicles
to three times the regular annual registration fee for the type of vehicle being
registered.
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Current law provides certain restrictions on the operation of vehicles registered as collector or hobbyist vehicles. Among these restrictions, such a vehicle generally may not be operated on a highway during the month of January. This bill extends the nonoperation period to the period between December 15 and February 15.

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. 341.09 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (7) The owner of a special interest vehicle registered under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registered under s. 341.268 (2) (a) may, upon payment of a fee of $5 and application to the department, be issued a permit for operation of the vehicle for a period not to exceed 5 successive days during the month of January between December 15 and February 15. The permit shall be valid only in the calendar year nonoperation period for which the permit is issued. The department shall prescribe the form of the application and permit and the manner in which the permit shall be displayed. The owner may be issued additional permits in subsequent years nonoperation periods upon application and payment of the required fee.

SECTION 2. 341.266 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (2) (a) Any person who is the owner of a special interest vehicle that is a former military vehicle, or that is not a former military vehicle and, except as provided in par. (am), is 20 or more years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the vehicle, and who, unless the owner is an historical society that is exempt from federal income taxes, owns, has registered in this state, and uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has regular
registration plates may upon application register the vehicle as a special interest vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b).

**SECTION 3.** 341.266 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

341.266 (2) (am) A vehicle that is less than 30 years old at the time of making application for renewal of registration or transfer of title of the vehicle may be registered under par. (a) if the vehicle is registered under par. (a) at the time of application.

**SECTION 4.** 341.266 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (2) (b) The fee to register a vehicle under par. (a) is twice the regular annual fee under s. 341.25 for the type of vehicle, except that the fee for a vehicle that has a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds may be no more than twice the annual fee for a similar vehicle that has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds.

**SECTION 5.** 341.266 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no special interest vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January between December 15 and February 15 unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration plates issued under par. (c) with regular registration plates or transfers regular registration plates to the vehicle.

**SECTION 6.** 341.268 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (2) (a) 1. Except as provided in par. (am), a reconstructed vehicle assembled from a vehicle manufactured 20 years or more prior to the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the vehicle.

**SECTION 7.** 341.268 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
341.268 (2) (a) 2. Except as provided in par. (am), a replica vehicle which is a reproduction of a vehicle manufactured 20 years or more prior to the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the replica vehicle.

**SECTION 8.** 341.268 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (2) (a) 3. Except as provided in par. (am), a street modified vehicle which is 20 or more years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the vehicle.

**SECTION 9.** 341.268 (2) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (2) (a) 5. Except as provided in par. (am), a homemade vehicle under sub. (1) (b) 2. that is a reproduction of a motorcycle manufactured 20 years or more prior to the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the homemade vehicle.

**SECTION 10.** 341.268 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

341.268 (2) (am) A vehicle that is less than 30 years old at the time of making application for renewal of registration or transfer of title of the vehicle may be registered under par. (a) if the vehicle is registered under par. (a) at the time of application.

**SECTION 11.** 341.268 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (2) (b) The fee to register a vehicle under par. (a) is three times the regular annual fee under s. 341.25 for the type of vehicle, except that the fee for a vehicle that has a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds may be no more than three times the annual fee for a similar vehicle that has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds.

**SECTION 12.** 341.268 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
341.268 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no reconstructed, replica, street modified, or homemade vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January between December 15 and February 15 unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration plates issued under par. (c) with regular registration plates or transfers regular registration plates to the vehicle.

SECTION 13. 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.