February 17, 2022 - Introduced by Law Revision Committee. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AN ACT to repeal 110.215 and 348.25 (8) (bm) 2.; to renumber and amend 348.25 (8) (bm) 1.; and to amend 20.395 (5) (hq), 86.195 (2) (ag) 4., 86.195 (2) (ag) 8., 86.195 (2) (ag) 11., 86.195 (2) (ag) 12., 86.195 (2) (ag) 13., 86.195 (2) (ag) 15., 86.195 (2) (ag) 16m., 86.195 (2) (ag) 25., 86.195 (2) (ag) 26., 86.195 (2) (ag) 29., 86.195 (2) (ag) 31., 86.195 (2) (ag) 33., 86.195 (2) (ag) 34., 86.195 (2) (ag) 36., 341.25 (1) (b), 348.25 (8) (a) 1., 348.25 (8) (a) 2., 348.25 (8) (a) 2m., 348.25 (8) (b) 1., 348.25 (8) (b) 2., 348.25 (8) (b) 3. a., 348.25 (8) (b) 3. b. and 348.25 (8) (b) 3. c. of the statutes; relating to: certain permit fees, registration weight limits, the emission control equipment grant program, and specific information sign enumerations (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Permit fees

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory weight
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or size limits unless the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or a local authority. Current law contains numerous fee provisions for these permits that applied only during a specific timeframe. This bill repeals these fee provisions.

**Motorcycle registration weight**

Under current law, a motor vehicle may not be operated upon a highway without a current, valid registration acquired by payment of a specified fee to DOT. Current law establishes a fee for the registration of a motorcycle or moped with a curb weight of 1,499 pounds or less. This bill eliminates the weight limit.

**Motor vehicle emission control equipment grant program**

Under current law, DOT administers a program to provide grants for the purchase and installation of oxidation catalyst mufflers on school buses customarily kept in counties in which the air quality does not meet certain federal standards. This bill eliminates the program.

**Specific information signs**

Under current law, DOT may authorize the erection of specific information signs, i.e., signs to direct motorists to services along a highway, only on highways enumerated by the legislature. Currently, nearly 40 highways or portions of highways are enumerated for this purpose. This bill makes several changes to existing enumerations to correct obsolete or otherwise incorrect references.

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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**Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note:** This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Transportation and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**Section 1.** 20.395 (5) (hq) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.395 (5) (hq) *Motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program; contractor costs and equipment grants; state funds.* The amounts in the schedule to provide for contracts for the operation of inspection stations under s. 110.20 and for the motor vehicle emission control equipment grant program under s. 110.215.

**Section 2.** 86.195 (2) (ag) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:
86.195 (2) (ag) 4. STH 11 from STH 81 west of Monroe to I-43 STH 50 at Delavan.

NOTE: Sections 2 to 15 correct obsolete or incorrect references to highway routes along which motorist service information signs may be posted.

SECTION 3. 86.195 (2) (ag) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 8. STH 21 from I-94 north of Tomah to CTH “Z” in the town of Strongs Prairie in Adams County and from STH 13 north of the village of Friendship in Adams County to USH I 41 at Oshkosh.

SECTION 4. 86.195 (2) (ag) 11. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 11. STH 29 from USH I 41 at Green Bay to I-94 west northwest of Elk Mound.

SECTION 5. 86.195 (2) (ag) 12. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 12. STH 33 from USH I 41 at Allenton to STH 32 at Port Washington.

SECTION 6. 86.195 (2) (ag) 13. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 13. STH 36 from STH 50 at Springfield to STH 100 at southwest of Milwaukee.

SECTION 7. 86.195 (2) (ag) 15. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 15. USH 53 from I-94 at Eau Claire to I 535 at Superior.

SECTION 8. 86.195 (2) (ag) 16m. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 16m. STH 172 from I 43 southeast of Green Bay to USH I 41 at Ashwaubenon.

SECTION 9. 86.195 (2) (ag) 25. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 25. USH 45 from USH I 41 at Richfield to STH 28 at Kewaskum.

SECTION 10. 86.195 (2) (ag) 26. of the statutes is amended to read:
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86.195 (2) (ag) 26. USH 45 from USH I 41 at Appleton the city of Oshkosh to
USH 8 at Monico.

SECTION 11. 86.195 (2) (ag) 29. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 29. USH STH 64 from the state line in St. Croix County to the
easternmost junction with USH 63 east of New Richmond.

SECTION 12. 86.195 (2) (ag) 31. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 31. USH 141 from I 43 at northwest of Green Bay to the state
line in Marinette County.

SECTION 13. 86.195 (2) (ag) 33. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 33. STH 441 between the Roland Kampo Bridge and USH I 41
in the city of Appleton, designated as the tri-county expressway Tri-County
Expressway, in Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties.

SECTION 14. 86.195 (2) (ag) 34. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 34. USH 53 from I 90 at La Crosse the city of Onalaska to STH
35 north of Holmen.

SECTION 15. 86.195 (2) (ag) 36. of the statutes is amended to read:

86.195 (2) (ag) 36. USH 12 from CTH “P” southeast of the city of Whitewater
in Walworth County to Tri-County Tri-County Road in Rock County.

SECTION 16. 110.215 of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: This Section repeals an obsolete grant program for the purchase and
installation of oxidation catalyst mufflers on school buses. The department has expended
all funds and closed the program. Section 1 repeals the appropriation for the grant
program.

SECTION 17. 341.25 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.25 (1) (b) For each motorcycle or moped with a curb weight of 1,499 pounds
or less, except a specially designed vehicle under s. 341.067, which is designed for the
transportation of persons rather than property, and for each low-speed vehicle, a
biennial fee of $23.

**NOTE:** The definitions of “motorcycle” and “moped” in current law do not refer to
a maximum weight of those vehicles. This **SECTION** eliminates a reference to the
maximum curb weight of a motorcycle or moped for purposes of the registration fee.

**SECTION 18.** 348.25 (8) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (a) 1. For a vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds length
limitations, $15, except that if the application for a permit for a vehicle described in
this subdivision is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before
July 1, 2005, the fee is $17.

**NOTE:** **SECTIONS** 18 to 27 repeal vehicle permit fees that are no longer in effect.

**SECTION 19.** 348.25 (8) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (a) 2. For a vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds either
width limitations or height limitations, $20, except that if the application for a
permit for a vehicle described in this subdivision is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before July 1, 2005, the fee is $22.

**SECTION 20.** 348.25 (8) (a) 2m. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (a) 2m. For a vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds both
width and height limitations, $25, except that if the application for a permit for a
vehicle described in this subdivision is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before July 1, 2005, the fee is $28.

**SECTION 21.** 348.25 (8) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (b) 1. For a vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds length
limitations, $60, except that if the application for a permit for a vehicle described in
this subdivision is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before
July 1, 2005, the fee is $66.
SECTION 22. 348.25 (8) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (b) 2. For a vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds width limitations or height limitations or both, $90, except that if the application for a permit for a vehicle described in this subdivision is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before July 1, 2005, the fee is $99.

SECTION 23. 348.25 (8) (b) 3. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (b) 3. a. If the gross weight is 90,000 pounds or less, $200, except that if the application for a permit for a vehicle described in this subd. 3. a. is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before July 1, 2005, the fee is $220.

SECTION 24. 348.25 (8) (b) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (b) 3. b. If the gross weight is more than 90,000 pounds but not more than 100,000 pounds, $350, except that if the application for a permit for a vehicle described in this subd. 3. b. is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before July 1, 2005, the fee is $385.

SECTION 25. 348.25 (8) (b) 3. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

348.25 (8) (b) 3. c. If the gross weight is greater than 100,000 pounds, $350 plus $100 for each 10,000-pound increment or fraction thereof by which the gross weight exceeds 100,000 pounds, except that if the application for a permit for a vehicle described in this subd. 3. c. is submitted to the department after December 31, 1999, and before July 1, 2005, the fee is $385 plus $110 for each 10,000-pound increment or fraction thereof by which the gross weight exceeds 100,000 pounds.

SECTION 26. 348.25 (8) (bm) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 348.25 (8) (bm) and amended to read:

348.25 (8) (bm) Unless a different fee is specifically provided, the fee for a consecutive month permit is one-twelfth of the fee under par. (b) for an annual
permit times the number of months for which the permit is desired, plus $15 for each
permit issued. This subdivision does not apply to applications for permits submitted
after December 31, 1999, and before July 1, 2005.

SECTION 27. 348.25 (8) (bm) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

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