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2025 Wisconsin Act 53
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**Motor Vehicle Fleet Registration
and Vehicle Weight Decals**

BACKGROUND

Current law allows the owner of 10 or more automobiles or motor trucks with a gross vehicle weight of no more than 8,000 pounds to register those vehicles as a fleet. For any vehicle registered as part of such a fleet, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must issue registration plates of a distinctive design with the word “Fleet” embossed on the plate. Although a registration decal or tag issued by DOT ordinarily must be placed on the rear registration plate of a vehicle or on the front registration plate of certain trucks, DOT may not require the placement of an annual registration decal on the registration plate of a fleet vehicle.

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2025 Wisconsin Act 53 makes the following changes regarding vehicle fleet registration:

- Allows, with some exceptions, the owner of 10 or more of any combination of the following vehicles to register those vehicles as a fleet:
 - A motor truck with a gross weight of no less than 8,001 pounds nor more than 54,000 pounds.
 - A truck tractor or road tractor with a gross weight of no less than 4,500 pounds nor more than 54,000 pounds.
 - A trailer with a gross weight of no more than 80,000 pounds.
- Requires that the word “Fleet” be displayed, rather than embossed, on a fleet registration plate.

Act 53 also repeals a provision of the statutes allowing the owner of a fleet of 100 or more trailers, each having a gross weight of 4,500 pounds or less and used for hire or rental, to register the vehicles for a six-year period.

Separately, Act 53 requires that, if DOT issues two decals to indicate the registered weight class of a vehicle, the decals must be displayed on the vehicle’s front and rear registration plates in the manner directed by DOT.

Effective date: Act 53 takes effect on the first day of the 10th month beginning after publication, which will be October 1, 2026.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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