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**CHAPTER 22.**

AN ACT to create 85.01 (11) (an) of the statutes, relating to publication of motor vehicle registry lists.

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

85.01 (11) (an) of the statutes is created to read:

85.01 (11) (an) SAME; PUBLICATION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED. The motor vehicle department shall not be required to transmit annually a motor vehicle registry list as provided in section 85.01 (11) (a) to the persons and bodies designated therein during the period of national war emergency and while new motor vehicle registration numbers are not being issued annually. The motor vehicle department shall, however, continue to transmit from time to time to the persons and bodies designated in section 85.01 (11) (a), numerical registry lists of motor vehicles not registered in Wisconsin previous to the transmittal of the last annual registry list and numerical registry lists of those vehicles previously registered for which new registration numbers have been issued. This section shall no longer be in effect as to any group or groups of vehicles designated under section 85.01 (4) at any time the motor vehicle department shall issue new registration numbers for any such group or groups.

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**CHAPTER 23.**

AN ACT to create 85.01 (6) (d) of the statutes, relating to emergency provisions in connection with motor vehicle registration plates and providing a penalty.

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

85.01 (6) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

85.01 (6) (d) NUMBERING DURING EMERGENCY. 1. For the period terminating as provided in subsection (6) (d) 3 the provisions of subsection (6) (a) and (c) shall be superseded by the provisions of subsection (6) (d) 2.

2. The motor vehicle department shall devise, secure, issue, and deliver, prepaid, to each owner of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, registered in accordance with the provisions of this section, one official number plate; the name: "Wisconsin" or "Wis." and the registration year for which the license is issued shall be indicated thereon. Such number plate shall be firmly and rigidly fastened and placed horizontally in a conspicuous place on the rear of each motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except that the number plate for a vehicle registered under subsection (4) (c) used exclusively to draw a trailer or semitrailer shall be so attached to the front of the vehicle. The commissioner of the motor vehicle department may by reasonable rules and regulations, provide for the front of the vehicle a substitute for the number plate which was provided for under subsection (6) (a) before the effective date of this paragraph. Such substitute may be of such material and design so that it can be applied to the inside of the windshield and may have thereon the registration number assigned to the vehicle. All such number plates or other means of identification shall be so displayed and kept reasonably clean at all times that the same can be readily and distinctly seen and read. Any peace officer may require the operator of any vehicle on which a plate is not properly displayed to display such plate as required by this subdivision. Any plate shall not be removed from any vehicle unless the plate for the succeeding year is immediately attached.

3. The provisions of subsection (6) (d) 2 shall terminate at the time of the beginning of the registration period (for motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers) which occurs next after the 2-year period which follows the cessation of hostilities as declared by the President or the Congress of the United States, except that the commissioner of the motor vehicle department, with the approval of the governor, may fix an earlier date, which shall be published in the official state paper not less than 30 days prior to such date, for terminating the effect of subsection (6) (d) 2 if he is satisfied after investigation that suitable material is available for number plates under subsection (6) (a) and (c). Upon such termination the provisions of subsection (6) (a) and (c) shall again be in effect. Any person who shall violate the provisions of subsection

(6) (d) 2 or any rules or regulations made thereunder shall be punished as provided in subsection (12).

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### CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT to amend 85.01 (1) and (5) and to create 85.01 (1a), of the statutes, relating to time of payment of registration fees for buses.

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

SECTION 1. 85.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.01 (1) No automobile, motor truck, motor delivery wagon, \* \* \* bus, motor cycle or other similar motor vehicle or trailer or semitrailer used in connection therewith, shall be operated upon any highway unless the same shall have been registered in the office of the motor vehicle department, and the registration fee paid. After April 1, any person who shall operate an automobile \* \* \* or motor cycle, or any person, except as hereinafter provided, who shall operate after July 15, a motor truck, tractor truck, bus, tractor, trailer or semitrailer, unless the same shall have been registered, as hereinbefore provided, may be arrested by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, city or village marshal, constable or any other police officer, and brought before any judge of a court of record or justice of the peace. Such judge or justice shall impose the penalty provided by subsection (12) of this section, and in addition require such person to make application for registration and pay the fee therefor, and \$2 in addition thereto. Such judge or justice shall forthwith forward such application and fee to the motor vehicle department, and pay the \$2 collected in addition to the registration fee to the informant. The absence of number plates shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle is not registered. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any motor vehicle while being operated by any dealer or distributor, in accordance with the provisions of section 85.02, nor to any motor vehicle while being operated by any private person within a period of 10 days from the date of purchase