

CHAPTER 417, Laws of 1975
(Veto Overruled)

AN ACT to amend 341.27 (1); and to create 341.14 (4r) and 341.268 of the statutes, relating to the registration of reconstructed and homemade motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. 341.14 (4r) of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (4r) For reconstructed and homemade vehicles as specified in s. 341.268.

SECTION 2. 341.268 of the statutes is created to read:

341.268 Reconstructed and homemade vehicles; registration, plates, use. (1) In this section:

(a) "Hobbyist" means the owner of one or more reconstructed or homemade vehicles who collects, purchases, acquires, trades or disposes of reconstructed or homemade vehicles or parts thereof for his own use in order to build, reconstruct, restore, preserve and maintain a reconstructed or homemade vehicle for historic or hobby interest.

(b) "Homemade vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has been constructed or assembled from new or used parts or both using a body and frame not originating from any previously manufactured motor vehicle.

(c) "Parts car" means a motor vehicle generally in nonoperable condition which is owned by the hobbyist to furnish parts which will enable the hobbyist to build, reconstruct, restore, preserve and maintain a reconstructed or homemade vehicle.

(d) "Reconstructed vehicle" means a motor vehicle of any age which has been substantially altered or modified from original manufacturers specifications.

(2) Any person who is the owner of 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 or any person who is the owner of a homemade vehicle, may upon application register the same as a reconstructed or homemade vehicle upon payment of a fee of \$40, and be furnished license plates of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual license plates which shall show in addition to the identification number that the vehicle is a reconstructed or homemade vehicle owned by a Wisconsin hobbyist. The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any additional fee. The vehicle may be used as are other vehicles of the same type except that motor vehicles may not transport passengers for hire and trucks may not haul material weighing more than 500 pounds. Unless inconsistent with this section, the provisions of this chapter applicable to other vehicles shall apply to reconstructed and homemade vehicles.

(a) Each hobbyist applying for reconstructed or homemade vehicle license plates will be issued a hobbyist's identification number which will appear on each plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the same hobbyist will bear the same hobbyist's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification.

(b) A hobbyist must own and have registered one or more vehicles with regular license plates which he uses for regular transportation.

(3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2), there shall be an original (first time only) processing fee of \$20 to defray the cost of issuing the original hobbyist's reconstructed or homemade vehicle license plates and to ensure that each hobbyist will be issued only one hobbyist's identification number.

(4) A hobbyist may store unlicensed, operable or inoperable, vehicles and parts cars on his property provided the vehicles and parts cars and outdoor storage area are maintained in such a manner that they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened from ordinary public view by means of a fence, rapidly growing trees, shrubbery or other appropriate means.

SECTION 3. 341.27 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.27 (1) All automobiles other than those that may be registered under s. 341.265, 341.266 ~~or~~, 341.267 or 341.268 or are required by s. 341.29 to be registered on a calendar-year basis shall be registered by the division according to the monthly series system of registration prescribed by this section.
