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1987 Assembly Bill 461

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1987 Wisconsin Act 212

AN ACT to amend 341.25 (1) (gd) and (ge); and to create 341.308 of the statutes, relating to the registration of certain trailers used for hire or rental.

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

SECTION 1. 341.25 (1) (gd) and (ge) of the statutes are amended to read:

341.25 (1) (gd) For each trailer or semitrailer or camping trailer having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less and used for hire or rental, a fee which is one-half of the fee prescribed for a motor truck of the same maximum gross weight. The maximum gross weight shall be determined in the same manner as for a motor truck. A trailer under this paragraph which is part of a fleet of 500 or more trailers used for hire or rental may be registered under s. 341.308.

(ge) For each trailer or semitrailer having a gross weight of more than 3,000 pounds but not more than 12,000 pounds designed to be hauled by a motor vehicle other than a truck tractor and not coming within the provisions of s. 341.264, a fee which is one-half of the fee prescribed for a motor truck of the same maximum gross weight. The maximum gross weight shall be determined in the same manner as for a motor truck. A trailer under this paragraph having a gross weight of 4,500 pounds or less and used for hire or rental and which is part of a fleet of 500 or more trailers used for hire or rental may be registered under s. 341.308.

SECTION 2. 341.308 of the statutes is created to read:

341.308 Optional trailer fleet registration. (1) 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, may register the trailers for a 6-year period under this section.

(2) The registration of trailers under this section shall be valid for a 6-year period and shall expire on June 30. Upon receipt of an application and the initial registration fees under sub. (3), the department shall issue a registration plate for each trailer. The registration of trailers added to the fleet during the 6-year registration period shall expire on the expiration date of the original fleet registration. If trailers are removed from the fleet during the 6-year registration period, the fleet owner shall dispose of the plates in the manner prescribed by the department.

(3) The fleet owner shall pay an initial annual registration fee of \$15 for each trailer registered under this section and an additional annual fee of \$15 for each trailer each subsequent year of the 6-year registration period. If the annual registration fee for a trailer is not paid when due, the department shall suspend the registration as provided in s. 341.63.