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2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 608

August 16, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Pettis, Vos, Albers, Ballweg, Friske, Kerkman, Musser, Ott, Townsend and Ainsworth, cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee and Olsen. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to repeal 341.297; to amend 341.25 (title), 341.25 (1) (intro.), 341.25 (1)

(a), 341.25 (1) (b), 341.25 (1) (bn), 341.25 (1) (i), 341.25 (2) (intro.), 341.26 (1)

(intro.), 341.26 (3) (a), 341.26 (3) (g) (intro.), 341.26 (3m), 341.26 (4) and 341.31

(1) (intro.); and to create 341.245 of the statutes; relating to: biennial registration for certain motor vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, most motor vehicles are registered on an annual basis with the Department of Transportation. Motorcycles and certain farm trucks are registered on a biennial basis.

Under this bill, in addition to motorcycles and certain farm trucks, recreational vehicles and camping trailers are registered on a biennial basis. Furthermore, a person who registers other vehicles that are currently registered on an annual basis may choose, instead, to register them on a biennial basis by paying twice the annual registration fee. In circumstances where there is an annual registration surcharge, the surcharge is also doubled if the person chooses to register the vehicle on a biennial basis.

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For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

Section 1. 341.245 of the statutes is created to read: 341.245 Annual and biennial payment of registration fees. (1) Except as provided in ss. 341.25 (1) (b) and (i) and 341.26 (3) (a), the person who registers a vehicle under ss. 341.25 to 341.268 may choose to register the vehicle on an annual basis and pay the annual fee set forth in ss. 341.25 to 341.268 or he or she may choose to register the vehicle on a biennial basis and pay twice the annual fee set forth in ss. 341.25 to 341.268. **Section 2.** 341.25 (title) of the statutes is amended to read: **341.25** (title) Annual registration fees; biennial motorcycle Registration fees. **Section 3.** 341.25 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read: 341.25 (1) (intro.) Unless a different fee is prescribed for a particular vehicle by par. (b) or ss. 341.26 to 341.268, the following registration fees shall be paid to the department for the annual registration of each motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer not exempted by s. 341.05 from registration in this state: **Section 4.** 341.25 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read: 341.25 (1) (a) For each automobile, <u>a</u> an annual fee of \$55, except that an automobile registered in this state prior to September 1, 1947, at a an annual fee of less than \$18 shall be registered at such lesser fee plus an additional fee of \$2.

Section 5. 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, a biennial fee of \$23. A motorcycle
or moped may not be registered on an annual basis.
Section 6. 341.25 (1) (bn) of the statutes is amended to read:
341.25 (1) (bn) For each specially designed vehicle under s. 341.067, $-a$ an
annual fee of \$5.
SECTION 7. 341.25 (1) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:
341.25 (1) (i) For each recreational vehicle, and for each camping trailer, a
biennial fee of \$15 \$30. A recreational vehicle or camping trailer may not be
registered on an annual basis.
Section 8. 341.25 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
341.25 (2) (intro.) The following schedule shall be used in determining fees
based on gross weight, provided that -a- an annual surcharge of \$18, or a biennial
surcharge of \$36, shall be added to and collected with the fee for each truck tractor:
Maximum gross weight in pounds Annual fee
Section 9. 341.26 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
341.26 (1) Special mobile equipment fee. (intro.) Unless exempted under s.
341.05, <u>a an annual</u> fee of \$18 or a fee which is 10% 10 percent of the annual fee
prescribed for a motor truck of the same weight under s. 341.25 (2), whichever is
greater, shall be paid to the department for annual registration of the following types
of special mobile equipment:
Section 10. 341.26 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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341.26 (3) (a) 1. For each farm truck having a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less, a biennial fee of \$45. A farm truck having a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less may not be registered on an annual basis.

SECTION 11. 341.26 (3) (g) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.26 (3) (g) (intro.) The following schedule shall be used in determining fees for vehicles registered under par. (c), (d), (da), or (e) or sub. (3m), based on gross weight, provided that -a- an annual surcharge of \$18 shall be added to and collected with the fee for each truck tractor:

Maximum gross weight in pounds

Annual fee

Section 12. 341.26 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.26 (3m) Forest products vehicles. In recognition of the relationship of the basic economy of the state to the forest products industry, there shall be paid to the department for the annual registration of a road tractor, motor truck, or truck tractor used exclusively in connection with the transportation of raw forest products, as defined in s. 26.05 (1), or equipment that is owned or leased by the owner of the road tractor, motor truck, or truck tractor and used exclusively in the production of raw forest products, — an annual fee determined in accordance with sub. (3) (g) on the basis of maximum gross weight, except that a trailer used exclusively in connection with the transportation of raw forest products or equipment that is owned or leased by the owner of the trailer and used exclusively in the production of raw forest products may be registered upon payment of —a—an annual fee that is 25% 25 percent of the fee prescribed by s. 341.25 (2) for a motor truck having the same gross weight. The maximum gross weight of each vehicle registered under this subsection shall be computed in the manner specified in s. 341.25 for the same type of vehicle, except that a person who owns and operates more truck tractors than semitrailers

registered by him or her within this state and used exclusively as provided in this subsection may register such an excess truck tractor at <u>a an annual</u> fee specified under sub. (3) (g) determined on the basis of the weight of the truck tractor only.

Section 13. 341.26 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.26 (4) Grading, ditching, excavating, or hauling vehicles. Except for those vehicles that qualify for registration under sub. (1) (a) to (e), any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, if operated empty, or used exclusively in transporting the equipment of the owner to or from a certain location over the highways, when such operation at the location is exclusively for grading, ditching, or excavating or when such equipment is used exclusively for seasonal hauling of carnival rides and equipment, shall be registered at an annual fee of one-fourth of the fee specified in s. 341.25 (2) for vehicles or combinations of vehicles of the same gross weight.

Section 14. 341.297 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 15. 341.31 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.31 (1) (intro.) The annual, biennial, or quarterly registration fee shall be paid in full on all vehicles registered pursuant to s. 341.29 or 341.295, the biennial registration fee shall be paid in full on all vehicles registered pursuant to s. 341.297 and the quarterly registration fee shall be paid in full on all vehicles registered pursuant to s. 341.30 unless the vehicle comes within one of the following categories, in which event the applicant is liable for the payment of only a part–period fee to be computed in accordance with sub. (2):

Section 16. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a fee that is paid for a new or renewal registration on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 17. Effective date.

1 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

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