

**CHAPTER 639**

AN ACT to amend 85.01 (1) of the statutes (as amended by chapter 320, laws of 1953), relating to the quarterly registration of certain motor vehicles.

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

85.01 (1) of the statutes (as amended by chapter 320, laws of 1953) is amended to read:

85.01 (1) No automobile, motor truck, motor delivery wagon, bus, motorcycle 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. Any person who shall operate an automobile or motorcycle, 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 in sub. (12), 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. \* \* \* This subsection shall not apply to any motor vehicle while being operated by any dealer or distributor, in accordance with \* \* \* s. 85.02, nor to any vehicle while being operated by any private person within a period of 10 days from the date of purchase of such vehicle by such private person, provided that application for registration has been made, or to any vehicle displaying official permit issued by the motor vehicle department. The motor vehicle registration fee for any vehicle registered under this chapter as a bus, truck, trailer or semitrailer may be paid on a quarterly basis when the registered gross weight of such vehicle is *over* 8,000 pounds \* \* \*, or any vehicle operated in conjunction with another such vehicle as a unit having an aggregate combined registered gross weight of *over* 8,000 pounds \* \* \*. The quarterly registration fee for each quarter shall be one-quarter of the annual fee plus \$1. The quarters are the 3-month periods commencing on July 1, October 1, January 1 and April 1; and no vehicle permit shall be issued until such quarterly or annual registration fee shall have been paid. The quarterly permit plate so issued shall cover all licenses and fees and shall be in lieu of the license number plate issued for the quarter period for which it is issued. No such quarterly plate shall be issued except it appear by affidavit that such vehicle was not operated on the highways of this state during the previous quarter of the license year without the payment of the annual or quarterly registration fee due for such previous quarter. If such vehicle was not operated on the highways during any quarter it shall be exempt from the payment of the registration fee for such quarter in which it was not used. If such vehicle is new or has not previously been registered in this state, and the time of registration falls within any such quarter, the owner thereof may at his option pay for the remainder of the quarter during which he desires to so operate which fee shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual fee multiplied by the number of months within the quarter which have not fully expired. The quarterly registration fees so collected shall be deposited in the state treasury. \* \* \* Subsection (4) (h) shall not apply to the provisions of this subsection relating to quarterly payment.

Approved November 19, 1953.