



## 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.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 341.297; *to amend* 341.25 (title), 341.25 (1) (intro.), 341.25 (1)  
2           (a), 341.25 (1) (b), 341.25 (1) (bn), 341.25 (1) (i), 341.25 (2) (intro.), 341.26 (1)  
3           (intro.), 341.26 (3) (a), 341.26 (3) (g) (intro.), 341.26 (3m), 341.26 (4) and 341.31  
4           (1) (intro.); and *to create* 341.245 of the statutes; **relating to:** biennial  
5           registration for certain motor vehicles.

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### *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.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 341.245 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **341.245 Annual and biennial payment of registration fees.** (1) Except  
3 as provided in ss. 341.25 (1) (b) and (i) and 341.26 (3) (a), the person who registers  
4 a vehicle under ss. 341.25 to 341.268 may choose to register the vehicle on an annual  
5 basis and pay the annual fee set forth in ss. 341.25 to 341.268 or he or she may choose  
6 to register the vehicle on a biennial basis and pay twice the annual fee set forth in  
7 ss. 341.25 to 341.268.

8           **SECTION 2.** 341.25 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           **341.25** (title) ~~—Annual registration fees; biennial motorcycle~~  
10 **Registration fees.**

11           **SECTION 3.** 341.25 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           **341.25 (1)** (intro.) Unless a different fee is prescribed for a particular vehicle  
13 by par. (b) or ss. 341.26 to 341.268, the following registration fees shall be paid to the  
14 department for the annual registration of each motor vehicle, recreational vehicle,  
15 trailer, or semitrailer not exempted by s. 341.05 from registration in this state:

16           **SECTION 4.** 341.25 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17           **341.25 (1)** (a) For each automobile, ~~a~~ an annual fee of \$55, except that an  
18 automobile registered in this state prior to September 1, 1947, at ~~a~~ an annual fee  
19 of less than \$18 shall be registered at such lesser fee plus an additional fee of \$2.

20           **SECTION 5.** 341.25 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:





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

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

5 341.26 (4) GRADING, DITCHING, EXCAVATING, OR HAULING VEHICLES. Except for  
6 those vehicles that qualify for registration under sub. (1) (a) to (e), any motor vehicle,  
7 trailer, or semitrailer, if operated empty, or used exclusively in transporting the  
8 equipment of the owner to or from a certain location over the highways, when such  
9 operation at the location is exclusively for grading, ditching, or excavating or when  
10 such equipment is used exclusively for seasonal hauling of carnival rides and  
11 equipment, shall be registered at an annual fee of one-fourth of the fee specified in  
12 s. 341.25 (2) for vehicles or combinations of vehicles of the same gross weight.

13 **SECTION 14.** 341.297 of the statutes is repealed.

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

15 341.31 (1) (intro.) The annual, biennial, or quarterly registration fee shall be  
16 paid in full on all vehicles registered pursuant to s. 341.29 or 341.295, ~~the biennial~~  
17 ~~registration fee shall be paid in full on all vehicles registered pursuant to s. 341.297~~  
18 ~~and the quarterly registration fee shall be paid in full on all vehicles registered~~  
19 ~~pursuant to s. 341.30 unless the vehicle comes within one of the following categories,~~  
20 in which event the applicant is liable for the payment of only a part-period fee to be  
21 computed in accordance with sub. (2):

22 **SECTION 16. Initial applicability.**

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

25 **SECTION 17. Effective date.**

