

CHAPTER 341

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SUBCHAPTER I
REGISTRATION

341.01 Words and phrases defined. (1) Words and phrases defined in s. 340.01 are used in the same sense in this chapter unless a different definition is specifically provided.

(2) In this chapter notwithstanding s. 340.01 (24), "implementation of husbandry" means a vehicle or piece of equipment or machinery designed for agricultural purposes, used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural operations and used principally off a highway, or a trailer-mounted bulk liquid fertilizer container.

History: 1989 a. 105.

341.04 Penalty for operating unregistered or improperly registered vehicle. Except during a state of emergency proclaimed under ch. 166:

(1) It is unlawful for any person to operate or for an owner to consent to being operated on any highway of this state any motor vehicle, mobile home, trailer or semitrailer or any other vehicle for which a registration fee is specifically prescribed unless at the time of operation the vehicle in question either is registered in this state, or, except for registration under s. 341.30 or 341.305, a complete applica-

tion for registration, including evidence of any test or inspection under s. 110.20 when required, accompanied by the required fee has been delivered to the department or deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid, or is exempt from registration.

(a) A vehicle may be operated by a private person after the date of purchase of such vehicle by such private person or after the date such person moved to this state if application for registration, except for registration under s. 341.30 or 341.305, and certificate of title has been made.

(b) All vehicles subject to renewal of registration may be operated provided that application for reregistration, except for registration under s. 341.30 or 341.305, has been made.

(2) Unless application for reregistration has been made as required by s. 341.32, it is unlawful for any person to operate or for the owner to consent to being operated on any highway of this state any registered vehicle the construction or use of which has been changed so as to make the vehicle subject to a higher fee than the fee at which it currently is registered or which is carrying a greater load than that permitted under the current registration.

(3) (a) Any person who violates sub. (1) or (2), where the vehicle used is an automobile, station wagon, or any other vehicle having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

(b) Any person who violates sub. (1) or (2), where the vehicle used is a vehicle not enumerated under par. (a), may be required to forfeit not more than \$500.

(c) In addition to imposing the penalty under par. (a) or (b), the court shall order the offender to make application for registration or reregistration and to pay the required fee. If 45 days have elapsed from the date of conviction and the department has not received an application for registration or reregistration and the required fee, the department shall order the offender to make application for registration or reregistration and to pay the required fee. Unless the department receives the application for registration or reregistration and the required fee within 20 days from the date of the department's order, the department may suspend any or all registrations of the offender. Any registration suspended under this section shall remain suspended until the offender makes application for registration or reregistration and the required fee for registration is paid. For purposes of this section, the required registration or reregistration fee for residents of this state is the required annual or biennial fee, or, if the vehicle is eligible for quarterly or consecutive monthly registration, the fee required in s. 341.30 or 341.305. For purposes of this section, the required fee for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight shall be the fee for the maximum weight for which the vehicle may be legally registered or the weight at which the vehicle was operating, whichever is greater.

History: 1973 c. 218; 1975 c. 351; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a); 1977 c. 56; 1979 c. 274; 1979 c. 361 s. 113; 1983 a. 469; 1989 a. 31; 1991 a. 39.

341.045 Use of registered farm trucks regulated. A motor truck under s. 340.01 (18) (a) 1 registered as a farm truck under s. 341.26 (3) (a) may be used for personal and family purposes if the primary use of that motor truck is for purposes specified in s. 340.01 (18) (a) 1, except that a registered farm truck may not be used in furtherance of any nonfarm occupation, trade, profession or other employment, including commuting to or from the place of such nonfarm occupation, trade, profession or employment. A motor truck under s. 340.01 (18) (a) 2 may not be used for personal and family purposes. This section does not apply to dual purpose farm trucks registered under s. 341.26 (3) (am). Any violations of this section are subject to the penalty prescribed for violations of s. 341.04 (2).

History: 1977 c. 29, 418; 1983 a. 227, 270; 1987 a. 399.

341.05 When vehicles exempt from registration. A vehicle, even though operated upon a highway of this state, is exempt from registration when such vehicle:

- (1) Is operated in accordance with the provisions relating to registration of dealers, distributors, manufacturers, transporters or finance companies; or
- (2) Is operated in accordance with the provisions exempting nonresident or foreign-registered vehicles from registration; or
- (3) Is operated in accordance with s. 341.405.
- (6) Is operated exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks; or
- (7) Is a farm tractor used exclusively in agricultural operations, including threshing, or used exclusively to provide power to drive other machinery, or to transport from job to job machinery driven by such tractor; or
- (9) Is a trailer or semitrailer used exclusively for the transportation of farm machinery, implements, produce or supplies on a farm or between farms; or
- (11) Is a trailer or semitrailer permanently equipped with a well-drilling outfit or designed for moving pea viners and used exclusively for either of such purposes; or

(12) Is a fork-lift truck, a specially constructed road or truck tractor used for shunting trailers or semitrailers in terminal areas or a trailer which is used principally off the highway; or

(13m) Is a trailer or semitrailer or camping trailer having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less and not used for hire or rental; or

(14) Is a trailer or semitrailer not operated in conjunction with a motor vehicle; or

(14m) Is a new motor vehicle being operated only across a highway from point of manufacture or assembly.

(15) Is a motor vehicle being towed, except when the person operating the vehicle supplying the motive power is a transporter, that person must be registered as a transporter; or

(16) Is a piece of road machinery.

(17) Is an implement of husbandry.

(18) Is a motor truck which is operated upon a highway only when directly crossing such highway.

(19) Is a motor vehicle last previously registered in another jurisdiction or a repaired salvage vehicle operated to or from a location where it is to be inspected as required by ss. 342.06 (1) (g) and 342.07, or an unregistered vehicle operated to or from a location where it is to be tested or inspected as required by s. 110.20.

(20) Is an amphibious motor vehicle capable of carrying 10 or more passengers when used for sight-seeing purposes, registered as a boat with the department of natural resources and operated upon a highway for a distance not to exceed 2 miles.

(21) Is owned by the United States.

(22) Is registered by a federally recognized Indian band or tribe and is exempt under a reciprocal registration exemption agreement under s. 341.409.

(23) Is a motor bicycle, except as provided in s. 349.18.

(24) Is a golf cart being operated in accordance with s. 349.18 (1) (b).

History: 1971 c. 207; 1973 c. 90; 1977 c. 29, 43, 418; 1983 a. 50, 180, 243, 288, 538; 1985 a. 187; 1985 a. 197 s. 7; 1987 a. 349; 1991 a. 39, 316.

Trucks with permanently mounted potato boxes and special low ratio gearing used solely to collect and transport potatoes in harvest and planting seasons are "implements of husbandry" under (17), not "farm trucks". State v. Okray Produce Co., Inc., 132 W (2d) 145, 389 NW (2d) 825 (Ct. App. 1986).

341.055 Snowmobiles. Snowmobiles shall not be registered under this chapter but shall be registered under ch. 350.

History: 1971 c. 277.

341.057 All-terrain vehicles. All-terrain vehicles are not required to be registered under this chapter but shall be registered under s. 23.33 (2).

History: 1985 a. 29.

341.06 Optional registration. (1) The department shall register the following vehicles upon proper application therefor and payment of the required fee even though such vehicles may be exempt from registration:

(am) A trailer or semitrailer or camping trailer having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less and not used for hire or rental. The registration fee charged shall be the same as if the trailer or semitrailer were to be used for hire or rental.

(b) A vehicle owned by a nonresident and which would be subject to registration if owned by a resident. The registration fee charged shall be the same as if the vehicle were owned by a resident.

(2) A vehicle registered under authority of this section is not on that account exempt from any property tax which would be payable in the absence of such registration.

History: 1977 c. 29 ss. 1413, 1654 (7) (a); 1977 c. 418.

341.067 Registration of special vehicles. The department shall register a specially designed vehicle which is authorized for operation by a person holding a special restricted operator's license under s. 343.135 if the special vehicle meets the equipment standards established under s. 347.02 (6).

History: 1979 c. 345; Stats. 1979 s. 341.065; 1979 c. 355 s. 156; Stats. 1979 s. 341.067.

341.07 Certain vehicles to be registered by resident lessee. (1) If a motor truck or truck tractor is to be operated in this state under authority of a common carrier certificate or contract carrier license issued by the office of the commissioner of transportation to a resident of this state, including a Wisconsin corporation, and such operation is in accordance with a lease or operating agreement with the owner of the motor truck or truck tractor or other person authorized to enter into such lease or operating agreement, the certificated or licensed carrier shall register such motor truck or truck tractor in this state unless it has been so registered by the owner. This section applies even though the motor truck or truck tractor is owned by a nonresident.

(2) If a motor truck or truck tractor is operated by or with the consent of such certificated or licensed carrier on any highway of this state when such vehicle is not registered in this state or when such vehicle is required by s. 341.04 (2) to be reregistered, such carrier is subject to the penalty provided in s. 341.04 (3). The court, in addition to imposing the penalty, shall order the carrier to make application for registration or reregistration and to pay the fee therefor.

(3) This section does not affect the interchange of trailers and semitrailers as authorized by s. 341.41 (4).

History: 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (9) (f); 1981 c. 347 s. 80 (2).

341.08 Application for registration. (1) Application for original registration and for renewal of registration shall be made to the department upon forms prescribed by it and shall be accompanied by the required fee.

(1m) The forms for application for original registration and for renewal of registration under sub. (1) or another form provided by the department shall include a place for an applicant or registrant under this chapter who is a natural person to designate that the applicant's or registrant's name, street address, post-office box number and 9-digit extended zip code may not be disclosed as provided in s. 341.17 (9), a statement indicating the effect of making such a designation and a place for an applicant or registrant who has made a designation under this subsection to reverse the designation.

NOTE: Sub. (1m) is created eff. 4-1-93 by 1991 Wis. Act 269.

(2) Applications for original registration of a vehicle shall contain the following information:

(a) The name of the owner.

(b) The name of the town, city or village in which the owner resides and, if the owner resides in a city of the first or second class, the owner's true residential or business address.

(c) A description of the vehicle, including make, model, identification number and any other information which the department may reasonably require for proper identification of the vehicle.

(d) The city, village or town in which the vehicle is customarily kept.

(e) Such further information as the department may reasonably require to enable it to determine whether the vehicle is by law entitled to registration or to enable it to determine the proper registration fee for the vehicle.

(3) The department may accept an application and complete registration of a vehicle when the evidence of ownership is held by a nonresident lienholder or for other reason is not immediately available and the department is satisfied as to

ownership of the vehicle. The title fee shall be collected at the time of registration and retained even though certificate of title is not issued.

(4) Applications for renewal of registration shall contain the information required in sub. (2) for original applications or such parts thereof as the department deems necessary to assure the proper registration of the vehicle. The department may require that applications for renewal of registration be accompanied by the certificate of title issued for the vehicle only when the true ownership or proper registration of the vehicle is in doubt and cannot be resolved from records maintained by the department.

(4m) At least 30 days prior to the expiration of a vehicle's registration, the department shall mail to the last-known address of the registrant a notice of the date upon which the registration must be renewed and an application form for renewal of registration. The application form or an accompanying document shall include a list of any unpaid citations for nonmoving traffic violations or any judgments for violation of ch. 110, 194 or 341 to 350, an administrative rule of the department, or an ordinance enacted in accordance with s. 349.06, including parking violations, entered against the registrant which remain unpaid. The list of unpaid citations for nonmoving traffic violations shall be based on information obtained under s. 345.28 (4). The list of unpaid judgments shall be based on information obtained under s. 345.47 (1) (d). If there is a citation for any nonmoving traffic violation entered against the registrant which is unpaid, he or she shall be notified that the vehicle may not be registered until the citation is paid or the registrant appears in court to respond to the citation. If there is a judgment entered against the registrant which is unpaid, he or she shall be notified that the vehicle may not be registered until the judgment is paid.

(5) The department shall supply the several county clerks with blank application forms for original registration of vehicles.

(6) If the applicant for a certificate of registration is under 18 years of age, the application shall be accompanied by a statement made and signed by either of the applicant's parents, if such parent has custody of the minor; or if neither parent has custody, then by the person having custody, stating that the applicant has the signer's consent to register the vehicle in the applicant's name. The signature on the statement shall not impute any liability for the negligence or misconduct of the applicant while operating such motor vehicle on the highways. Any person who violates this section may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

(7) A vehicle's registration does not expire on the date of expiration of registration under ss. 341.25 to 341.36 if, on that date of expiration, the registrant is serving in the U.S. armed forces in the Middle East or in the territorial or international waters adjacent to the Middle East as a participant in or in support of Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm. Any registration extended under this subsection expires 30 days after the registrant completes his or her military service in that geographic area as a participant in or in support of those operations. If a registration is renewed after an extension under this subsection, the renewal period shall begin on the day after the date of expiration of registration.

History: 1971 c. 164; 1973 c. 218; 1975 c. 94; 1977 c. 29 s. 1414; 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 165; 1983 a. 180; 1987 a. 349; 1991 a. 13, 269, 316.

341.085 Registration of ambulances. (1) The department shall inspect all ambulances prior to issuing an original or renewal registration to determine that the vehicles meet requirements specified by law or administrative rule as to specifications, medical equipment, supplies and sanitation.

(2) The department may adopt rules necessary for administration of this section and prescribe ambulance service equipment and standards therefor, except that any ambulance which does not conform to rules adopted by the department may be used until December 30, 1979.

History: 1977 c. 29.

341.09 Temporary operation permits and plates. (1) The department may issue a temporary operation permit or plate for an unregistered vehicle under any of the circumstances set forth in subs. (2) to (6). Such permits or plates shall contain the date of expiration and sufficient information to identify the vehicle for which and the person to whom it is issued. The department may place the information identifying the vehicle and the person to whom the permit or plate is issued on a separate form.

(1m) The department may issue a temporary operation plate for a motorcycle under sub. (8). The plate shall contain the date of expiration and sufficient information to identify the motorcycle for which and the person to whom it is issued.

(2) (a) Upon request therefor by a person who has made a verifiable application for registration and paid the registration fee, the department shall issue a temporary operation permit or plate if it appears that the person would otherwise be unable to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the registration plates.

(b) If the department is not able to verify that an application has been submitted, the department may issue a temporary operation permit or plate if it is satisfied as to the ownership of the vehicle and the applicant submits another application with all fees normally required to title and register the vehicle. The fee paid under this paragraph shall be refunded upon completion of processing of the original application.

(c) The department may issue a temporary operation permit or plate which is valid for a period of 60 days or until the applicant receives the regular registration plates, whichever occurs first.

(d) The department may issue temporary operation plates for use on any vehicle except buses, for-hire vehicles and vehicles which are subject to registration under the international registration plan if the state is a party to such plan or vehicles which are subject to registration under s. 341.41 (9). The department shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications of the plate. The department shall charge a fee of \$3 for each temporary operation plate issued under this subsection.

(e) Sections 341.13 and 341.14 do not apply to plates issued under this subsection.

(f) Nothing in this subsection requires a person who has complied with s. 341.04 (1) to obtain a temporary operation plate under this subsection.

(2m) (a) Upon request by a dealer licensed in this state, the department may issue any number of temporary operation plates to a dealer under sub. (2) at a fee of \$3 per plate. The dealer may issue the temporary operation plate at a fee of \$3 to any state resident who purchases from the dealer any type of vehicle except buses, for-hire vehicles and vehicles which are subject to registration under the international registration plan if the state is a party to such plan or vehicles which are subject to registration under s. 341.41 (9). The department shall prescribe the manner in which a dealer shall keep records of temporary operation plates issued by the dealer.

(b) A plate issued under this subsection is valid for a period of 60 days from its issuance to the person or until the person receives the regular registration plates, whichever occurs first.

(c) Nothing in this subsection requires a person who has received a receipt under s. 342.16 (1) (a) to obtain a temporary operation plate.

(d) If the department determines that a dealer has misused plates issued under this subsection or sub. (4) or has failed to comply with the requirements of this section or rules issued under this section, the department may order the dealer to return all temporary operation plates in the dealer's possession. Within 30 days after the issuance of the order, the dealer may request a hearing before the office of the commissioner of transportation. The office shall schedule a hearing with reasonable promptness. The dealer may not issue any temporary operation plates until after the office of the commissioner of transportation holds its scheduled hearing and issues its findings.

(3) Upon application therefor to the department by a person engaged in the active military service of the United States or its allies and upon satisfactory proof of the active military status of the applicant and of being granted a furlough the department shall issue to the applicant without charge a temporary operation plate which authorizes the applicant to operate any vehicle owned or designated by the applicant without registration of the vehicle. The plate is valid only while the applicant is on furlough and for a period not to exceed 30 days. The department shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications of a plate issued under this subsection. The plate may be similar or identical to a plate issued under sub. (2).

(4) Upon receipt of an application and a fee of \$3, the department shall register a vehicle purchased in this state by a nonresident for a period not to exceed 30 days. The department shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications of a plate issued under this subsection. The plate may be similar or identical to a plate issued under sub. (2). The department may issue the plates to dealers at a fee of \$3 per plate in the manner and for the purpose provided in sub. (2m).

(5) The department may issue a temporary operation permit or plate which is valid for a period of 30 days upon request of the owner of a vehicle which is subject to the test or inspection required by s. 110.20 (6). The department shall charge a fee of \$3 for each temporary operation permit or plate issued under this subsection. The department shall determine the size, color, design, form and specification of the plate.

(6) The department may, in instances of special transportation need as determined by the department, issue a trip permit which is valid for a 72-hour period to the owner or operator of a vehicle which is eligible for quarterly registration under s. 341.30 or consecutive monthly registration under s. 341.305. The fee for the trip permit shall be not less than \$15. The secretary may waive the fee for the trip permit if the secretary determines that waiver is appropriate under the circumstances.

(7) The owner of a special interest vehicle registered under s. 341.266 (2) (a) may, upon payment of a fee of \$5 and application to the department, be issued a permit for operation of the vehicle for a period not to exceed 5 successive days during the month of January. The permit shall be valid only in the calendar year for which the permit is issued. The department shall prescribe the form of the application and permit and the manner in which the permit shall be displayed. The owner may be issued additional permits in subsequent years upon application and payment of the required fee.

(8) The department may issue a temporary operation plate to a person who is eligible for the issuance of a special plate for a motorcycle under s. 341.14 (1c) if the department

determines that the person's disability is temporary. The plate shall contain the information specified in sub. (1m) and otherwise be similar to or identical to plates issued under s. 341.14 (1e). No charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance of a plate under this subsection.

History: 1975 c. 32, 351; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 273; 1981 c. 150, 391; 1983 a. 27, 180; 1987 a. 100 s. 3; 1987 a. 369; 1989 a. 137, 304, 359; 1991 a. 39, 81, 189.

341.10 Grounds for refusing registration. The department shall refuse registration of a vehicle under the following circumstances:

(1) The required state fee and any municipal vehicle registration fee imposed by the town, village or city in which the vehicle is customarily kept has not been paid for the specific vehicle, and the department may refuse registration of a vehicle if such fees for the current period or for any previous period for which payment of a registration fee is required by law have not been paid on any other vehicles owned or leased by the applicant for registration; or

(2) The applicant has failed to furnish the information or documents required by law or by the department pursuant to authority of law; or

(3) A certificate of title is a prerequisite to registration of the vehicle and the applicant does not hold a valid certificate of title and is not entitled to the issuance of a certificate of title; or

(4) The applicant's registration has been suspended or revoked and such suspension or revocation still is in effect; or

(5) The vehicle is exempt from registration under this chapter and voluntary registration of the vehicle is not expressly authorized.

(6) The vehicle is originally designed and manufactured for off-highway operation unless the vehicle meets the provisions of s. 114 of the national traffic and motor vehicle safety act of 1966, as amended, except as otherwise authorized by the statutes.

(7) A court has notified the department under s. 345.47 (1) (d) that a judgment has been entered against the applicant and the judgment remains unpaid.

(7m) An authority has notified the department under s. 345.28 (4) that a citation for a nonmoving traffic violation has been issued against the applicant and the applicant has not paid the citation or appeared in court to respond to the citation.

(8) The vehicle is not eligible for registration under s. 144.42 (6).

(10) The vehicle is required to be tested or inspected under s. 110.20 (6) and:

(a) The vehicle has not been tested or inspected; or

(b) The most recent test or inspection of the vehicle under s. 110.20 (6) indicates noncompliance unless the department has issued a temporary waiver certificate under s. 110.20 (10) (b) or a waiver of compliance under s. 110.20 (13).

(11) The applicant has failed to furnish proof of payment, in the form prescribed by the U.S. secretary of the treasury, that the federal heavy vehicle use tax imposed by section 4481 of the internal revenue code has been paid.

(12) The vehicle is required to be inspected under s. 110.063 (2) and any of the following applies:

(a) The vehicle has not been inspected.

(b) The most recent inspection of the vehicle indicates noncompliance with ss. 110.063 and 110.075, ch. 347 or rules promulgated under those sections or ch. 347.

(14) After December 31, 1993, the vehicle has a mobile air conditioner, as defined in s. 100.45 (1) (b), the distribution of which in this state would be prohibited under s. 100.45 (2).

History: 1973 c. 131; 1975 c. 32; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a); 1979 c. 34; 1979 c. 274; 1981 c. 165; 1983 a. 27, 78, 103, 169, 330; 1987 a. 235; 1989 a. 56, 284; 1991 a. 39, 316.

341.11 Contents, issuance and display of certificate of registration; issuance of duplicate certificate. (1) Except as provided in sub. (2) the department upon registering a vehicle shall issue and deliver to the owner a certificate of registration. The certificate shall contain the name, residence and address of the owner, a brief description of the vehicle, the registration number assigned and the date of expiration of registration. The certificate shall be in such form and may contain such additional information as the department deems advisable.

(2) Whenever a certificate of registration is issued upon registration of a motor truck or truck tractor by a certificated or licensed carrier in accordance with s. 341.07, the certificate shall show that the vehicle is registered in the name of owner,....., lessee, and shall be delivered to the applicant.

(3) The department shall issue a duplicate certificate of registration upon application therefor by any person in whose name the vehicle is registered and upon payment of a fee of \$2.

(4) In the case of a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight for which special registration plates have been issued under s. 341.14 (2), (6), (6m) or (6r) or for which personalized registration plates have been issued under s. 341.145, or any motor bus, motor home, dual purpose motor home, motor truck, truck tractor or road tractor, the certificate of registration shall be displayed in a prominent place in the driver's compartment of the vehicle to which the certificate refers. Any person who operates and any person in whose name the vehicle is registered who consents to the operation of any such vehicle without the certificate of registration being so displayed may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 278; 1975 c. 39, 136; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a); 1983 a. 270; 1985 a. 120 s. 3200; 1985 a. 202; 1985 a. 210 s. 2; 1987 a. 64, 112, 403; 1989 a. 54; 1991 a. 239.

341.12 Design, procurement and issuance of registration plates. (1) The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to s. 341.25 or 341.30 shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant 2 registration plates for an automobile, motor truck, motor bus, school bus, self-propelled mobile home or dual purpose motor home and one plate for other vehicles. The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to any other section shall issue one plate unless the department determines that 2 plates will better serve the interests of law enforcement.

(2) The department shall purchase plates from the Waupun correctional institution unless otherwise approved by the governor. Subject to any specific requirements which may be imposed by statute, the department shall determine the size, color and design of registration plates with a view toward making them visible evidence of the period for which the vehicle is registered and the fee class into which the vehicle falls as well as making them a ready means of identifying the specific vehicle or owner for which the plates were issued.

(3) All registration plates shall have displayed upon them the following:

(a) The registration number or letters assigned to the vehicle or owner.

(b) The name "Wisconsin" or abbreviation "Wis".

(c) An indication of the period for which the specific plate is issued or the date of expiration of registration.

(i) For each mobile home 25 feet or less in length, a fee of \$12; for each mobile home more than 25 feet in length, a fee of \$18.

(j) For each motor home, including any vehicle which is converted to be used as a motor home, an annual fee based on gross weight, as follows:

Gross weight in pounds	Annual fee
1. Not more than 5,000	\$ 45
2. Not more than 8,000	51
3. Not more than 12,000	63
4. Not more than 16,000	75
5. Not more than 20,000	87
6. Not more than 26,000	99
7. More than 26,000	111

(k) For each human service vehicle, a fee equal to the fee for an automobile under par. (a).

(2) The following schedule shall be used in determining fees based on gross weight, provided that a surcharge of \$18 shall be added to and collected with the fee for each truck tractor:

Maximum gross weight in pounds	Annual fee
(a) Not more than 4,500	\$ 45
(b) Not more than 6,000	57
(c) Not more than 8,000	72
(cm) Not more than 10,000	111
(d) Not more than 12,000	150
(e) Not more than 16,000	203
(f) Not more than 20,000	255
(g) Not more than 26,000	340
(h) Not more than 32,000	436
(i) Not more than 38,000	552
(j) Not more than 44,000	659
(k) Not more than 50,000	761
(km) Not more than 54,000	812
(L) Not more than 56,000	865
(m) Not more than 62,000	978
(n) Not more than 68,000	1,104
(o) Not more than 73,000	1,256
(p) Not more than 76,000	1,489
(q) Not more than 80,000	1,832

(3) Upon payment of the fee prescribed by law, a vehicle subject to registration on the basis of gross weight may be registered at a weight in excess of the manufacturer's maximum gross weight rating, but such registration does not exempt such vehicle from compliance with weight limitations imposed by law or by state or local authorities pursuant to authority of law.

(4) Registration fees apportioned to this state under the international registration plan under s. 341.405 are derived under this section.

History: 1973 c. 67, 90, 270, 333; 1975 c. 39 s. 734; 1975 c. 136; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1422m to 1430, 1654 (7) (a); 1977 c. 288, 418; 1979 c. 34, 221; 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 175, 243; 1985 a. 65; 1985 a. 208 ss. 7, 8, 11; 1987 a. 212, 403; 1989 a. 31; 1991 a. 39.

341.255 Registration certificate special handling; counter service and telephone transaction fees. (1) The department shall charge a fee to be established by rule for processing applications for registration which have a special handling request for fast service. The fee shall approximate the cost to the department for providing this special handling service to persons so requesting.

(2) The department shall charge the following fees for counter services:

(a) For each transaction relating to a certificate of title, \$2.

(b) For each transaction relating to a registration not involving a certificate of title, \$2; except that if the registra-

tion is solely a renewal of the previous year's registration the fee shall be \$1.

(c) For each transaction which is a combination of a certificate of title and registration for the same vehicle, \$2.

(3) If the department permits the renewal of a previous year's registration by telephone with use of a credit card, the department shall charge a fee to be established by rule for each transaction. The fee shall approximate the cost to the department for providing this service to persons so requesting.

History: 1975 c. 39; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a); 1977 c. 418; 1981 c. 20; 1991 a. 39.

341.26 Special registration fees for certain vehicles. (1) SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT FEE. Unless exempted under s. 341.05, a fee of \$18 or a fee which is 10% of the 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:

(a) A motor truck or traction well-drilling rig permanently equipped with a well-drilling outfit and used exclusively for well-drilling purposes.

(b) A motor truck or traction sawmill or corn sheller rig permanently equipped with a portable sawmill or corn sheller outfit and used exclusively for sawmill or corn sheller purposes.

(c) A trailer not used for hire and used for transporting any ditching machine which is used exclusively for farm ditching or for the loading of gravel or other road material and which has a dipper capacity of not to exceed five-eighths of a yard.

(d) A mobile crane or trench hoe used for bridge or building construction, for ditching and excavating, for heavy machinery removal or installation or for loading and handling of heavy articles.

(e) A motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, if operated empty or transporting the equipment of the owner to or from a certain location, when such operation at the location is any of the following:

1. The performance of work on a contract for the construction or maintenance of highways or airports for the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof; or

2. The production of agricultural lime; or

3. The clearing of land, building of dikes, or terracing and ditching for the purpose of soil erosion control, farm drainage or forestry.

(f) A motor truck on which is mounted feed grinding and mixing equipment and used exclusively as a portable feed mill.

(g) A motor vehicle not used for hire and used in conjunction with a trailer on which is permanently mounted equipment used for wood chipping and screening.

(h) A trailer on which is permanently mounted equipment used exclusively for wood chipping and screening.

(2) FIVE-DOLLAR FEE FOR 5-YEAR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES. A registration under this subsection expires on December 31 every 5th year. The first 5-year registration period under this subsection terminates on December 31, 1993. A registration fee of \$5 shall be paid to the department for the registration of each of the following vehicles:

(a) A driver education vehicle under s. 341.267.

(b) Any vehicle loaned to this state or to any county or municipality of this state for the duration of any war emergency and operated exclusively for civilian defense purposes by such state, county or municipality.

(d) A school bus owned and operated by a school district and used for the transportation of pupils to or from points designated by the school, including curricular and extracur-

ricular activities and nonpupil transportation under s. 120.13 (27).

(dm) A school bus which is not owned and operated by a school district and which is used to transport pupils to or from points designated by the school, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

(e) A motor bus owned and operated by a charitable corporation and used exclusively for the purposes for which incorporated and not used for hire.

(em) A motor bus owned and operated by a nonstock nonprofit corporation and used exclusively for transporting groups participating in parades or other entertainment, including, without limitation because of enumeration, musical marching groups, drill or baton teams or color guards.

(f) A motor vehicle operated exclusively as a Red Cross blood bank vehicle.

(g) A motor vehicle operated exclusively by a nationally chartered war veterans' organization and used only for the purpose of advertising the organization.

(h) A motor vehicle used for the urban mass transportation of passengers as defined in s. 71.38.

(i) A motor vehicle owned and operated exclusively by the civil air patrol.

(j) A motor vehicle and semitrailer operated exclusively as a mobile X-ray unit owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation and used exclusively for the purposes for which incorporated and not for hire.

(k) A fire truck owned and operated exclusively by an incorporated volunteer fire department.

(m) A motor vehicle leased or owned and operated by a voluntary nonprofit organization and used exclusively for rescue work. In this paragraph, "rescue work" means the rendering of first aid and emergency transportation to persons in need of immediate medical attention.

(n) A motor vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used exclusively for the purpose of dispensing food and drink at the site of a disaster to emergency workers or to persons affected by the disaster.

(2m) PUBLICLY OWNED VEHICLES. (a) A fee of \$5 shall be paid to the department for the original issuance of a registration plate for any vehicle owned by this state or by any county or municipality or federally recognized Indian tribe or band in this state and operated exclusively, except for operation under s. 20.916 (7), in the public service by such state, county, municipality, Indian tribe or band. The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned and operated by the registrant and the registrant complies with s. 110.20 (6).

(b) If a vehicle is replaced, reassignment of plate to replacement vehicle shall be made with payment of \$1.

(3) AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES. In recognition of the relationship of the basic economy of the state to agriculture and the production and marketing of milk, there shall be paid to the department for the registration of the following vehicles the fees prescribed in this subsection:

(a) 1. For each farm truck having a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less, a biennial fee of \$42. Registration plates issued under this subdivision expire on the last day of February of even-numbered years.

2. For each farm truck having a gross weight of more than 12,000 pounds, an annual fee which is one-fourth of the fee prescribed in s. 341.25 (2) for a motor truck having the same gross weight.

(am) For each dual purpose farm truck having a registered gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less, an annual fee to be determined in accordance with s. 341.25 (2) on the basis of the maximum gross weight of the vehicle. Maximum gross weight shall be determined by adding together the weight in pounds

of the vehicle when equipped to carry a load as a motor truck and the maximum load in pounds which the applicant proposes to carry on the vehicle when used as a motor truck. A motor truck registered under this paragraph may be operated at a maximum gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds when used for the purposes of a farm truck.

(ar) For each farm truck tractor, an annual fee which is 25% of the fee under s. 341.25 (2) for a truck tractor having the same gross weight, determined on the basis of the maximum combined gross weight of the farm truck tractor and any trailer or semitrailer which the applicant proposes to combine with the farm truck tractor. Maximum combined gross weight shall be determined by adding together the weight in pounds of the combination of vehicles when equipped to carry a load and the maximum load in pounds which the applicant proposes to carry on the combination of vehicles.

(b) For each farm trailer, an annual fee which is 25% of the fee prescribed by s. 341.25 (2) for a motor truck having the same gross weight, except that a farm trailer used with a farm truck tractor shall be registered at a fee of \$5.

(c) For each motor vehicle used exclusively in the transportation of milk from the point of production to the primary market, and the return of dairy supplies and dairy products from such primary market to the farm, an annual fee to be determined in accordance with par. (g) on the basis of maximum gross weight.

(d) For each motor vehicle used exclusively in the transportation of cheese, butter and powdered milk when such cheese, butter and powdered milk are transported from plant to plant or to warehouses within this state, an annual fee to be determined in accordance with par. (g) on the basis of maximum gross weight.

(da) For each motor vehicle used exclusively in the transportation of liquid dairy products, an annual fee to be determined in accordance with par. (g) on the basis of maximum gross weight.

(e) A person owning and operating more truck tractors than semitrailers registered by that person within this state and used exclusively for transporting liquid dairy products may register such excess truck tractors at the annual fees specified in par. (g), provided that that person uses such excess truck tractors exclusively with such semitrailers. The fee shall be determined on the basis of weight of the truck tractor only.

(f) In pars. (da) and (e), "liquid dairy products" means milk and products of milk in liquid form, including without limitation because of enumeration, condensed and sweetened condensed products of milk, both in raw and pasteurized form, whey and liquid whey sugars.

(g) 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 surcharge of \$18 shall be added to and collected with the fee for each truck tractor:

Maximum gross weight in pounds	Annual fee
1. Not more than 4,500	\$ 24
2. Not more than 6,000	34
3. Not more than 8,000	40
3m. Not more than 10,000	56
4. Not more than 12,000	72
5. Not more than 16,000	102
6. Not more than 20,000	132
7. Not more than 26,000	177
8. Not more than 32,000	228
9. Not more than 38,000	288

SUBCHAPTER V

PENALTY FOR FRAUDULENT PRACTICES

issued to the dealer, distributor or manufacturer pursuant to s. 341.51 when such vehicle is not owned or being repossessed by the dealer, distributor or manufacturer or, even though owned or being repossessed by the dealer, distributor or manufacturer, does not come within any of the exceptions listed in s. 341.47 (1) (a) to (d) or is not in compliance with s. 341.51 (2m);

(2) Any person who operates a vehicle under purported authority of a registration plate issued to a dealer, distributor or manufacturer pursuant to s. 341.51, knowing that such vehicle is not owned or being repossessed by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer or does not come within any of the exceptions listed in s. 341.47 (1) (a) to (d) or is not in compliance with s. 341.51 (2m);

(3) Any transporter who operates a vehicle under purported authority of a registration plate issued to the transporter pursuant to s. 341.51 for any purpose other than that authorized by s. 341.47 (3);

(4) Any person not registered as a transporter who operates a vehicle under purported authority of a registration plate issued pursuant to s. 341.51 to a transporter.

History: 1971 c. 278, 319; 1991 a. 316.

341.57 Registration of finance companies and financial institutions. (1) Any motor vehicle owned or being repossessed by a finance company licensed under s. 138.09 or 218.01, by a credit union licensed under ch. 186, by a savings bank organized under ch. 214, by a savings and loan association organized under ch. 215 or by a state bank or a national bank with offices in this state, may be operated on the highways of this state for any necessary purpose in repossessing, reconditioning or reselling such vehicle without such vehicle being registered if the vehicle has displayed upon it a valid registration plate issued to such licensee pursuant to this section.

(2) A finance company licensed under s. 138.09 or 218.01, a credit union licensed under ch. 186, a savings bank organized under ch. 214, a savings and loan association organized under ch. 215 or a state bank or a national bank with offices in this state may apply to the department for registration on such form as the department provides. Upon receipt of the application together with a registration fee of \$75, the department shall register the applicant and shall issue one registration plate containing the registration number assigned to the applicant. The department, upon receiving a fee of \$5 for each additional plate desired by the applicant, shall issue additional plates as the applicant orders. Section 341.52 applies to the design of the plates. The registration and plates are valid only during the calendar year for which issued. A plate is transferable from one motor vehicle to another. The department may charge a fee of \$2 per plate for replacing lost, damaged or illegible plates issued under this subsection.

(3) Any of the following may be required to forfeit not more than \$200:

(a) Any person who makes a false statement in an application for registration under this section.

(b) Any person who uses a plate issued pursuant to this section otherwise than as authorized by this section.

(c) Any person other than the registered owner thereof who uses a plate issued pursuant to this section.

(4) Upon conviction of a licensee under sub. (3), the department may revoke or suspend the registration of the licensee and require surrender of the licensee's registration plates issued pursuant to this section.

History: 1971 c. 278; 1973 c. 246; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a); 1979 c. 221; 1983 a. 156; 1985 a. 29; 1991 a. 221.

341.60 Fraudulent application for registration or license.

Any person who gives a false or fictitious name, address or location where a vehicle is customarily kept in an application for license or registration or who makes application for license or registration in the name of a person other than the true owner, or true owner and lessee, may be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

History: 1983 a. 180.

341.61 Improper use of evidence of registration. Any person who does any of the following may be required to forfeit not more than \$200:

(1) Lends to another a registration plate, knowing that the person borrowing the plate is not authorized by law to use it; or

(2) Displays upon a vehicle a registration plate not issued for such vehicle or not otherwise authorized by law to be used thereon.

(3) Wilfully twists, paints, alters or adds to or cuts off any portion of a registration plate or sticker; or who places or deposits, or causes to be placed or deposited on such plate or sticker any substance to hinder the normal reading of such plate; or who defaces, disfigures, changes or attempts to change any letter or figure thereon.

History: 1973 c. 218.

341.62 False evidence of registration. Whoever operates or possesses a motor vehicle, mobile home, trailer or semi-trailer having attached thereto any plate or similar device fashioned in imitation of or altered so as to resemble the current registration plate issued by the department may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

History: 1973 c. 218; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a); 1977 c. 273.

341.63 When registration to be suspended. (1) The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle when:

(a) The registration was completed through fraud or error and the person who registered the vehicle does not or cannot register the vehicle properly.

(b) The required fee has not been paid and the same is not paid upon reasonable notice and demand.

(c) Suspension of registration is specified by an authority under s. 345.28 (4) (a) 2.

(d) The applicant fails, upon reasonable notice and demand, to furnish proof of payment, in the form prescribed by the U.S. secretary of the treasury, that the federal heavy vehicle use tax imposed by section 4481 of the internal revenue code has been paid.

(e) The licensee of a vehicle registered under s. 341.26 (2m) (a) has not complied with the test or inspection requirements of s. 110.20 (6).

(2) Any registration suspended pursuant to this section continues to be suspended until reinstated by the department. The department shall reinstate the registration when the reason for the suspension has been removed.

(3) Whenever the registration of a vehicle is suspended under this section, the department may order the owner or person in possession of the registration plates to return them to the department. Any person who fails to return the plates when ordered to do so by the department may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

History: 1971 c. 278; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1451, 1654 (7) (a); 1981 c. 165; 1983 a. 78, 180, 330, 538; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27, 369; 1991 a. 39.