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WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

Assembly Committee on Transportation

Public Hearing – AB 163

May 21, 2013

I would like to thank Rep. Ripp for scheduling a public hearing on AB 163.

AB 163 will create a vehicle registration exemption allowing a garage or repair shop to operate an unregistered vehicle for purposes of service and testing.

The need for this legislation was brought to my attention by a constituent who owns an automotive repair facility in my district. On several occasions the repair shop has been asked to test drive a vehicle when the registration had expired. Like many other small repair shops they faced a choice between breaking the law or turning away a customer. This bill is a simple, cost effective way to ensure a repair shop is able to operate within the law in the course of doing business.

The bill you have before you is a result of input from a number of sources. I altered my original proposal based on suggestions from the Department of Transportation. I appreciate their willingness to work with me to improve this legislation which has no fiscal effect for the state or for the small business owners.

Under the bill a motor vehicle held by a repair shop that is traveling to and from the facility while being operated for the purpose of repair, service or testing is exempt from vehicle registration.



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