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2021 Wisconsin Act 178 [2021 Assembly Bill 481]

Motor Vehicle Fleet Registration

2021 Wisconsin Act 178 authorizes the registration of certain motor vehicles as a fleet. Specifically, the act allows the owner of 10 or more automobiles, or motor trucks with a gross vehicle weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, to register those vehicles as a fleet.

For any vehicle registered as part of a fleet, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must issue registration plates of a distinctive design with the word “Fleet” embossed on the plate, charge an initial issuance fee of \$8.50 per vehicle (in addition to the regular annual registration fee), and establish a system for registration renewal by electronic means. DOT may not require the placement of an annual registration decal on the registration plate of a fleet vehicle.

The act also repeals a provision of the statutes allowing the registration of a fleet of certain types of motor vehicles for a three-year period in accordance with rules promulgated by DOT.¹

Effective date: Act 178 takes effect on the first day of the ninth month beginning after publication, which will be December 1, 2022.

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¹ That provision was enacted by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28. DOT did not promulgate rules establishing procedures for fleet registration under the provision.