



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 340.01 (8) (a), 340.01 (8) (b), 343.04 (1) (a), 343.04 (1) (b) and
2 343.04 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** eliminating references to
3 registered weight for certain motor vehicles (suggested as remedial legislation
4 by the Department of Transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill removes a reference to “registered weight” in the statutory definition of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) and several other references to the “registered weight” of CMVs and other motor vehicles. Under current law, CMVs are, in part, defined as motor vehicles that have a weight rating, a registered weight, or an actual gross weight of over 26,000 pounds.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Transportation and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 340.01 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 340.01 (8) (a) The vehicle is a single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating
3 of 26,001 or more pounds or the vehicle's ~~registered weight~~ or actual gross weight is
4 more than 26,000 pounds.

NOTE: SECTIONS 1 to 5 remove "registered weight" from the definition and classification of commercial motor vehicles. With this change, commercial motor vehicle status will be determined based on gross vehicle weight rating, gross combination weight rating, or actual gross weight.

5 **SECTION 2.** 340.01 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 340.01 (8) (b) The vehicle is a combination vehicle with a gross combination
7 weight rating, ~~registered weight~~ or actual gross weight of 26,001 or more pounds
8 inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating, ~~registered weight~~ or
9 actual gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds.

10 **SECTION 3.** 343.04 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 343.04 (1) (a) *Class A.* A "Class A" motor vehicle is any combination of vehicles
12 with a gross vehicle weight rating, actual gross weight ~~or registered weight~~ of over
13 26,000 pounds, if the aggregate total gross vehicle weight rating, or actual gross
14 weight ~~or registered weight~~ of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of
15 10,000 pounds.

16 **SECTION 4.** 343.04 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 343.04 (1) (b) *Class B.* A "Class B" motor vehicle is any single vehicle with a
18 gross vehicle weight rating, or actual gross weight ~~or registered weight~~ of over 26,000
19 pounds, and any such vehicle towing a vehicle or vehicles with an aggregate total
20 gross vehicle weight rating, actual gross weight ~~or registered weight~~ of 10,000
21 pounds or less.

22 **SECTION 5.** 343.04 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 343.04 (1) (c) *Class C.* (intro.) A “Class C” motor vehicle is any single vehicle
2 with a gross vehicle weight rating, and actual gross weight ~~and registered weight~~ of
3 26,000 pounds or less, including any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross
4 vehicle weight rating, actual gross weight ~~and registered weight~~ of less than 10,000
5 pounds, if any of the following applies:

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