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LRB RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Ald. Robert Bauman
FROM: James Carroll, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
RE: Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee - Vehicles Eligible

This memorandum is in response to your request for a clarification of the types of vehicles a municipal motor vehicle registration fee applies to and for information regarding the state registration fees for trucks.

Under state law (s.341.35 (1), Wis. Stats.), a municipality may adopt an ordinance that imposes a vehicle registration fee on automobiles and motor trucks of not more than 8,000 pounds

The state defines automobile (s.340.01 (4), Wis. Stats.) as follows:

a) Type 1 is a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for carrying persons but which does not come within the definition of a motor bus, motorcycle, moped or motor bicycle.

b) Type 2 is a motor vehicle capable of speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour on a dry, level, hard surface with no wind, designed and built to have at least 3 wheels in contact with the ground, a power source as an integral part of the vehicle, a curb weight of at least 1,500 pounds, and a passenger and operator area with sides permanently enclosed with rigid construction and a top which may be convertible.

The annual registration fee (s.341.25 (2), Wis. Stats) for truck tractors, ranges from \$75 for truck tractors weighing not more than 4,500 pounds to \$2,560 for truck tractors weighing not more than 80,000 pounds.

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