



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-3004/1
EVM:amn

2021 BILL

1 **AN ACT to amend** 218.0116 (1) (n); and **to create** 218.0101 (9m), 218.0116 (1) (w)
2 3. and 218.0121 (3m) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** ownership, control, or
3 operation of a motor vehicle dealership and performance of motor vehicle
4 warranty service.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a motor vehicle dealer must be licensed by the Department of Transportation. Also under current law, a manufacturer of motor vehicles may not operate or control a motor vehicle dealership. Under this bill, a manufacturer of electric motor vehicles may engage in the business of a motor vehicle dealer with regard to the electric motor vehicles it manufactures.

Also under current law, with several exceptions, a manufacturer, importer, or distributor may not perform warranty service or delivery and preparation work on a motor vehicle that it does not own or authorize or permit a person to perform warranty service or delivery and preparation work on a motor vehicle unless the person is a motor vehicle dealer with whom the manufacturer, importer, or distributor has entered into a franchise agreement for the sale and service of the manufacturer's, importer's, or distributor's motor vehicles. Under the bill, this prohibition does not apply to a manufacturer of electric motor vehicles with regard to the electric motor vehicles it manufactures.

