

321.18 Vehicles subject to registration — exception.

Every motor vehicle, trailer, and semitrailer when driven or moved upon a highway shall be subject to the registration provisions of [this chapter](#) except:

1. Any such vehicle driven or moved upon a highway in conformance with the provisions of [this chapter](#) relating to manufacturers, transporters, dealers, or nonresidents as contemplated by [section 321.53](#) and [chapter 326](#), or under a temporary registration permit issued by the department as hereinafter authorized.

2. Any such vehicle which is driven or moved upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing such highway from one property to another.

3. Any implement of husbandry.

4. Any special mobile equipment as herein defined.

5. Any vehicle which is used exclusively for interplant purposes, in the operation of an industrial or manufacturing plant, consisting of a single unit comprising a group of buildings separated by streets, alleys, or railroad tracks, and which vehicle is used solely to transport materials from one part of the plant to another or from an adjacent railroad track to the plant and in so doing incidentally using said streets or alleys for not more than one thousand feet.

6. Any vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

7. Any school bus in this state used exclusively for the transportation of pupils to and from school or a school function or for the purposes provided in [section 285.1, subsection 1](#), and [section 285.10, subsection 9](#), or used exclusively for the transportation of children enrolled in a federal head start program. Upon application the department shall, without charge, issue a registration certificate and registration plates. The plates shall be attached to the front and rear of each bus exempt from registration under [this subsection](#).

8. Any mobile home or manufactured home and any temporary undercarriage used solely for transporting manufactured homes, modular homes, or other portable buildings used or intended to be used for human occupancy.

9. A motor home purchased by a nonresident at a rally in this state pursuant to [section 322E.2](#), which is driven on a highway solely for the purpose of removing the motor home from the state.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, §4864; C39, §5001.02; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321.18; 82 Acts, ch 1251, §4]

95 Acts, ch 118, §4; 99 Acts, ch 188, §2; 2001 Acts, ch 153, §17; 2006 Acts, ch 1068, §8; 2007 Acts, ch 131, §1, 6; 2009 Acts, ch 130, §21

Referred to in [§321.20B](#), [322E.2](#), [331.557](#), [423.1](#), [423B.2](#), [452A.17](#)

For the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2012, new subsection 9 applies only to motor home manufacturers' club rallies held annually on the grounds of the county fair in Clay county; reporting of violations; 2007 Acts, ch 131, §6