

**321.55 Registration and financial liability coverage required for certain vehicles owned or operated by nonresidents.**

1. A nonresident owner or operator engaged in remunerative employment within the state or carrying on business within the state and owning or operating a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer within the state shall register and maintain financial liability coverage as required under [section 321.20B](#) for each vehicle and pay the same fees for registration as are paid for like vehicles owned by residents of this state. However, this paragraph does not apply to a person commuting from the person's residence in another state or whose employment is seasonal or temporary, not exceeding ninety days.

2. A nonresident owner of a motor vehicle operated within the state by a resident of the state shall register the vehicle and shall maintain financial liability coverage as required under [section 321.20B](#) for the vehicle. The nonresident owner shall pay the same fees for registration as are paid for like vehicles owned by residents of this state. However, registration under this paragraph is not required for vehicles being operated by residents temporarily, not exceeding ninety days. It is unlawful for a resident to operate within the state an unregistered motor vehicle required to be registered under this paragraph.

[C39, §5003.03; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321.55]

83 Acts, ch 58, §1; 97 Acts, ch 139, §4, 17, 18; 98 Acts, ch 1121, §8

Referred to in [§321.1A](#), [321.53](#), [805.8A](#)

For applicable scheduled fine, see §805.8A, subsection 2, paragraph b