



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 439

July 12, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives NEYLON, DUCHOW, ANDRACA, CABRAL-GUEVARA, HAYWOOD, J. RODRIGUEZ and SCHRAA, cosponsored by Senators KOOYENGA, BERNIER and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

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.

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### *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.

