

*on August 31 next preceding the commencement of the registration year for which registration is sought: Except, that mileage proportions for a fleet not operated during such period in the state where application for registration is made will be determined by the administrator upon the sworn application of the applicant showing the operations during such period in other states and the estimated operations during the registration year for which registrations is sought, in the state in which application is being made; or if no operations were conducted during such period a full statement of the proposed method of operation.*

*If any buses operate in two or more states which permit the proration of registration on the basis of a fleet of buses consisting of a lesser number of vehicles than provided in Article II (g), such fleet may be prorated as to registration in such states in which event the buses in such fleet shall not be required to register in any other contracting states if each such vehicle is registered in some contracting state except to the extent it is exempt from registration as provided in Article III (b).*

*If the administrator of any state determines, based on his method of the operation thereof, that the inclusion of a bus or buses as a part of a fleet would adversely affect the proper fleet fee which should be paid to his state, having due regard for fairness and equity, he may refuse to permit any or all of such buses to be included in his state as a part of such fleet.*

*(b) Total Fleet Miles. Total fleet miles, with respect to each contracting state, shall mean the total miles operated by the fleet (1) in such state, (2) in all other contracting states, (3) in other states having proportional registration provisions, (4) in states with which such contracting state has reciprocity, and (5) in such other states as the administrator determines should be included under the circumstances in order to protect or promote the interest of his state; except that in states having laws requiring proration on the basis of a different determination of total fleet miles, total fleet miles shall be determined on such basis.*

*(c) Leased Vehicles. If a bus is operated by a person other than the owner as a part of a fleet which is subject to the provisions of this article, then the operator of such fleet shall be deemed to be the owner of said bus for the purposes of this article.*

*(d) Extent of Privileges. Upon the registration of a fleet in a contracting state pursuant to this article, each bus in the fleet may be operated in both interstate and intrastate operations in such state except as provided in Article III (e).*

*(e) Application for Proration. The application for proration of registration shall be made in each contracting state upon substantially the application forms and supplements authorized by joint action of the administrators of the contracting states.*

*(f) Issuance of Identification. Upon registration of a fleet, the state which is the base state of a particular bus of the fleet shall issue the required license plates and registration card for such bus and each contracting state in which the fleet (of which such bus is a part) operates shall issue a special identification identifying such bus as a part of a fleet which has fully complied with the registra-*