



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 558

October 17, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives PLOUFF, POWERS, HUBER, BOCK and HUEBSCH, cosponsored by Senators MOEN, CLAUSING and GEORGE. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2., 341.14 (6r) (c) and 341.14 (6r) (e); **to repeal**  
2             **and recreate** 341.14 (6r) (c) and 341.14 (6r) (e); and **to create** 341.14 (6r) (f)  
3             53. of the statutes; **relating to:** special distinguishing registration plates for  
4             veterans of the Laos War.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, members of authorized special groups may obtain special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles registered with the department of transportation (DOT). Special plates may be obtained for automobiles, station wagons, motor homes and certain dual purpose motor homes, farm trucks and dual purpose farm trucks owned or leased by special group members. A fee, in addition to the annual registration fee for the particular kind of vehicle, is assessed for the special plates. Currently, there are authorized special groups associated with veterans of the following wars: World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

This bill provides for the issuance of special distinguishing registration plates to veterans of the Laos War in Southeast Asia. A fee of \$10, in addition to the annual vehicle registration fee, is assessed by DOT for issuance or reissuance of the special plates.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           341.14 (6r) (b) 2. An additional fee of \$10 shall be charged for the issuance or  
3 reissuance of the plates for special groups specified under par. (f) 1. to 34., 48., 49.  
4 and, 51. and 53.

5           **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           341.14 (6r) (c) Special group plates shall display the word "Wisconsin", the  
7 name of the applicable authorized special group, a symbol representing the special  
8 group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not  
9 exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position. The department shall specify  
10 the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president  
11 of the university of Wisconsin system before specifying the design for the special  
12 group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47., the Wisconsin sesquicentennial commission  
13 before specifying the design for the special group plate under par. (f) 52. and, the  
14 secretary of natural resources before specifying the design for the special group plate  
15 under par. (f) 50. and the president of the office in this state of Lao Veterans of  
16 America, Inc., before specifying the design for the special group plates under par. (f)  
17 53. Special group plates under par. (f) 50 shall be as similar as possible to regular  
18 registration plates in color and design.

19           **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act 445,  
20 section 16, and 1997 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

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1           341.14 (6r) (c) Special group plates shall display the word “Wisconsin”, the  
2 name of the applicable authorized special group, a symbol representing the special  
3 group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not  
4 exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position. The department shall specify  
5 the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president  
6 of the university of Wisconsin system before specifying the design for the special  
7 group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47., the secretary of natural resources before  
8 specifying the design for the special group plate under par. (f) 50. and the president  
9 of the office in this state of Lao Veterans of America, Inc., before specifying the design  
10 for the special group plates under par. (f) 53. Special group plates under par. (f) 50.  
11 shall be as similar as possible to regular registration plates in color and design.

12           **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (6r) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           341.14 (6r) (e) The department shall specify one combination of colors for  
14 special group plates for groups or organizations which are not military in nature and  
15 not special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47., 50. and, 52. and 53. The department,  
16 after consulting the president of the university of Wisconsin system, shall specify one  
17 combination of colors for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. The department  
18 shall specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol  
19 to be displayed upon special group plates for a group or organization which is not  
20 military in nature after consultation with the chief executive officer in this state of  
21 the group or organization, except that the department may not specify the word or  
22 words or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the word  
23 or words or symbol is approved in writing by the president of the university of  
24 Wisconsin system or, with respect to endangered resources, specify the word or words  
25 or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 50. unless the word or words or

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1 symbol is approved in writing by the secretary of natural resources or, with respect  
2 to commemorating the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood, specify the word  
3 or words or the symbol for special group plate under par. (f) 52. unless the word or  
4 words or symbol is approved in writing by the Wisconsin sesquicentennial  
5 commission or, with respect to Laos War veterans, specify the word or words or the  
6 symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 53. unless the word or words or symbol  
7 is approved in writing by the president of the office in this state of Lao Veterans of  
8 America, Inc. The president may not approve the word or words or symbol for a  
9 university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the chancellor of the university  
10 approves in writing the word or words or symbol. The department shall require that  
11 the word or words and symbol for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. be  
12 a registration decal or tag and affixed to the special group plate and be of the colors  
13 for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. that the president of the university  
14 of Wisconsin system specifies.

15 **SECTION 5.** 341.14 (6r) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act 445,  
16 section 18, and 1997 Wisconsin Act ... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

17 341.14 (6r) (e) The department shall specify one combination of colors for  
18 special group plates for groups or organizations which are not military in nature and  
19 not special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47., 50. and 53. The department, after  
20 consulting the president of the university of Wisconsin system, shall specify one  
21 combination of colors for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. The department  
22 shall specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol  
23 to be displayed upon special group plates for a group or organization which is not  
24 military in nature after consultation with the chief executive officer in this state of  
25 the group or organization, except that the department may not specify the word or

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1 words or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the word  
2 or words or symbol is approved in writing by the president of the university of  
3 Wisconsin system or, with respect to endangered resources, specify the word or words  
4 or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 50. unless the word or words or  
5 symbol is approved in writing by the secretary of natural resources or, with respect  
6 to Laos War veterans, specify the word or words or the symbol for special group plates  
7 under par. (f) 53. unless the word or words or symbol is approved in writing by the  
8 president of the office in this state of Lao Veterans of America, Inc. The president  
9 may not approve the word or words or symbol for a university specified under par.  
10 (f) 35. to 47. unless the chancellor of the university approves in writing the word or  
11 words or symbol. The department shall require that the word or words and symbol  
12 for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. be a registration decal or tag and  
13 affixed to the special group plate and be of the colors for a university specified under  
14 par. (f) 35. to 47. that the president of the university of Wisconsin system specifies.

15 **SECTION 6.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 53. of the statutes is created to read:

16 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 53. Veterans of the Laos War who served after July 1, 1961, and  
17 before July 1, 1978.

18 **SECTION 7. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
19 except as follows:

20 (1) The repeal and recreation of section 341.14 (6r) (c) and (e) of the statutes  
21 takes effect on January 1, 1999.

22 (END)