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AN ACT to amend 341.09 (1), 341.14 (1), 341.14 (7), 343.51 (1), 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2) and 349.13 (1m); and to create 341.09 (1m), 341.09 (7), 341.14 (1e) and 346.50 (2a) (L) and (m) of the statutes, relating to: special registration plates for disabled veterans and for motorcycles registered by disabled persons.

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

SECTION 1. 341.09 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (1) The department may issue a temporary operation permit or plate for an unregistered vehicle under any of the circumstances set forth in ~~this section subs. (2) to (6)~~. Such permits or plates shall contain the date of expiration and sufficient information to identify the vehicle for which and the person to whom it is issued. The department may place the information identifying the vehicle and the person to whom the permit or plate is issued on a separate form.

SECTION 2. 341.09 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

341.09 (1m) The department may issue a temporary operation plate for a motorcycle under sub. (7). The plate shall contain the date of expiration and sufficient information to identify the motorcycle for which and the person to whom it is issued.

SECTION 3. 341.09 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

341.09 (7) The department may issue a temporary operation plate to a person who is eligible for the issuance of a special plate for a motorcycle under s. 343.14 (1e) if the department determines that the person's disability is temporary. The plate shall contain the information specified in sub. (1m) and otherwise be similar to or identical to plates issued under s. 343.14 (1e). No charge in addi-

tion to the registration fee may be made for the issuance of a plate under this subsection.

SECTION 3m. 341.14 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 1989 Wisconsin Act 56, is amended to read:

341.14 (1) Whenever any resident of this state who is registering or has registered an automobile or station wagon, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home submits a statement from the U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying to the department that the resident is, by reason of injuries sustained while in the active U.S. military service, disabled so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the veteran, plates of a special design in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle. The plates shall have a ~~white light blue~~ background except for a white border not to exceed one inch at top and bottom, and blue lettering, except that the word "VET" and the identifying number shown on the plates shall be colored red. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of such plates.

SECTION 4. 341.14 (1e) of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (1e) (a) Whenever any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered a motorcycle, submits a statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying to the department that the resident is disabled so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty or temporarily physically disabled by any physical condition that renders the person unable to walk or unable to walk without great difficulty, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person a plate of a special design in lieu of the plate which ordinarily would be issued for the motorcycle. The physician's, chiropractor's or practitioner's statement shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician, chiropractor or practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the motorcycle is owned by a disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance of the plate.

(b) If the department determines that the disability of a person submitting a statement under par. (a) is temporary, a temporary operation plate may be issued to the person under s. 341.09 (7). A plate issued under s. 341.09 (7) shall be considered a special registration plate issued under this subsection for purposes of s. 346.50 (2a) and (3), 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2), 349.13 (1m) or 349.145.

SECTION 5. 341.14 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (7) The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for registration plates under sub. (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) relating to the parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request enforcement of s. 346.505.

SECTION 6. 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for registration plates of a special design under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a), any person who is temporarily physically disabled by any physical condition which renders the person unable to walk or unable to walk without great difficulty, or any organization that regularly transports such a person, may request from the department a special identification card which will entitle any motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, parked by, or under the direction of, the person, or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, operated by or on behalf of the organization when used to transport such a person, to parking privileges under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) and (3). The department shall issue the card at a fee to be determined by the department, upon submission by the applicant, if the applicant is an individual rather than an organization, of a statement from a phy-

sician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal that the person is a physically disabled person within the meaning of this section. The physician's, chiropractor's or practitioner's statement shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician, chiropractor or practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The department shall issue the card upon application by an organization on a form prescribed by the department if the department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this subsection.

SECTION 7. 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2a) (intro.) A motor vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased, or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required. Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

SECTION 8. 346.50 (2a) (L) and (m) of the statutes are created to read:

346.50 (2a) (L) A person to whom a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1e).

(m) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a person to whom a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1e) when such person is present.

SECTION 9. 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (3) A vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person is exempt from s. 346.505 or any ordinance in conformity therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for handicapped persons by official traffic signs indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing

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and parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a) (a) to ~~(m)~~ (m).

SECTION 10. 346.503 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.503 (1) In this section, “motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person” means a motor vehicle ~~displaying bearing~~ special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), ~~(1e)~~, (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

SECTION 11. 346.505 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.505 (2) Except for a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined under s. 346.503 (1), no person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), ~~(1e)~~, (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification card

issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

SECTION 12. 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

349.13 (1m) In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for any vehicle ~~displaying bearing~~ special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), ~~(1e)~~, (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or any vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.