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AN ACT to amend 341.14 (1) and (1a), 341.14 (1e) (a), 341.14 (1m) and (1q) and 343.51 (1) of the statutes, relating to: parking privileges for disabled persons unable to carry property.

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

SECTION 1. 341.14 (1) and (1a) of the statutes are 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 or disabled so as not to be able to carry property without great difficulty because of a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms, 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 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.

(1a) 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 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 disabled so as not to be able to carry property without great difficulty because of a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person plates of a special design in lieu of plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a nonveteran disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of such plates.

SECTION 2. 341.14 (1e) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 1991 Wisconsin Act 39, is amended 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, from a Christian Science practi-

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tioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal or from the U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying to the department that the resident is disabled so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty ~~or, disabled so as not to be able to carry property without great difficulty because of a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms,~~ temporarily physically disabled by any physical condition that renders the person unable to walk or unable to walk without great difficulty ~~or temporarily physically disabled by a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms that renders the person unable to carry property or unable to carry property 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 statement shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician, chiropractor, practitioner or U.S. department of veterans affairs 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.

SECTION 3. 341.14 (1m) and (1q) of the statutes are amended to read:

341.14 **(1m)** If any licensed driver submits to the department 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 that another person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for transportation is disabled so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty ~~or disabled so as not to be able to carry property without great difficulty because of a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms,~~ the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver plates of a special design in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or station wagon, or motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or motor home. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly dependent 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 plates. The plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

(1q) If any employer who provides 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, whether owned or leased by the employer, for an employe's use submits to the department 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 that the employe is disabled so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty ~~or disabled so as not to be able to carry property without great difficulty because of a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms,~~ the department shall issue and deliver to such employer plates of a special design in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated 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 plates. The plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

SECTION 4. 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 that~~ renders the person unable to walk or unable to walk without great difficulty ~~or temporarily physically disabled by a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both arms that renders the person unable to carry property or unable to carry property without great difficulty,~~ or any organization that regularly transports such a person, may request from the department a special identification card ~~which that~~ 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 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 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

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the department if the department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this subsection.
