

1993 Assembly Bill 975

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1993 WISCONSIN ACT 415

AN ACT to amend 20.370 (1) (fs), 341.14 (6r) (bm) 1, 341.14 (6r) (c) and 341.14 (6r) (e); to repeal and recreate 341.14 (6r) (c); and to create 25.40 (1) (a) 10, 341.14 (6r) (b) 5 and 341.14 (6r) (f) 50 of the statutes, relating to: special distinguishing registration plates associated with endangered resources and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.370 (1) (fs) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (1) (fs) *Endangered resources — voluntary payments and fees.* As a continuing appropriation, from moneys received as amounts designated under ss. 71.10 (5) (b), the net amounts certified under s. 71.10 (5) (h) 4. and all moneys received from fees collected under s. ss. 29.092 (11) (g) and (h) and 341.14 (6r) (b) 5., for the purposes of the endangered resources program, as defined under s. 71.10 (5) (a) 2. Three-percent of the moneys certified under s. 71.10 (5) (h) 4. in each fiscal year, but not to exceed \$100,000, shall be allocated for wildlife damage control and payment of claims for damage associated with endangered or threatened species.

SECTION 2. 25.40 (1) (a) 10. of the statutes is created to read:

25.40 (1) (a) 10. Moneys received under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 5. that are deposited in the conservation fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (fs).

SECTION 3. 341.14 (6r) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6r) (b) 5. An additional fee of \$25 that is in addition to the fee under subd. 2 shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on an annual basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 50. An additional fee of \$50 that is in addition to the fee under subd. 2 shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on the biennial basis for the special group speci-

fied under par. (f) 50. if the plate is issued or renewed during the first year of the biennial registration period or \$25 for the issuance or renewal if the plate is issued or renewed during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. All moneys received under this subdivision in excess of the initial costs of production of the special group plate under par. (f) 50. or \$15,000, whichever is less, shall be deposited in the conservation fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (fs). To the extent permitted under ch. 71, the fee under this subdivision is deductible as a charitable contribution for purposes of the taxes under ch. 71.

SECTION 4. 341.14 (6r) (bm) 1 of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (bm) 1. Upon application to register a vehicle specified in par. (b) by a resident of this state who is the owner of the vehicle, upon payment of the additional fees under par. (b) and submission of a statement by the applicant certifying to the department that the vehicle is leased to a person who qualifies for special plates under par. (b) together with information required of an applicant under par. (b), the department shall issue to the owner special plates of the appropriate colors and design under par. (d) or (e) in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle. The department may not accept an application for a special group plate under par. (f) ~~35 to 47~~ 50 before January 1, ~~1990~~ 1995.

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

341.14 (6r) (c) Special group plates shall display the word "Wisconsin", the name of the applicable authorized

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special group, a symbol representing the special group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not exceeding 5 positions. The department shall specify the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president of the university of Wisconsin system before specifying the design for the special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. and the secretary of natural resources before specifying the design for the special group plate under par. (f) 50. Special group plates under par. (f) 50. shall be as similar as possible to regular registration plates in color and design.

SECTION 6. 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 1993 Wisconsin Act 16 and 1993 Wisconsin Act ... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

341.14 (6r) (c) Special group plates shall display the word "Wisconsin", the name of the applicable authorized special group, a symbol representing the special group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position. The department shall specify the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president of the university of Wisconsin system before specifying the design for the special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47 and the secretary of natural resources before specifying the design for the special group plate under par. (f) 50. Special group plates under par. (f) 50. shall be as similar as possible to regular registration plates in color and design.

SECTION 7. 341.14 (6r) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (e) The department shall specify one combination of colors for special group plates for groups or organizations which are not military in nature and not special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. and 50. The

department, after consulting the president of the university of Wisconsin system, shall specify one combination of colors for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. The department shall specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol to be displayed upon special group plates for a group or organization which is not military in nature after consultation with the chief executive officer in this state of the group or organization, except that the department may not specify the word or words or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the word or words or symbol is approved in writing by the president of the university of Wisconsin system or, with respect to endangered resources, specify the word or words or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 50. unless the word or words or symbol is approved in writing by the secretary of natural resources. The president may not approve the word or words or symbol for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the chancellor of the university approves in writing the word or words or symbol. The department shall require that the word or words and symbol for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. be a registration decal or tag and affixed to the special group plate and be of the colors for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. that the president of the university of Wisconsin system specifies.

SECTION 8. 341.14 (6r) (f) 50. of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6r) (f) 50. Persons interested in supporting endangered resources.

SECTION 9. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The repeal and recreation of section 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 1995.