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AN ACT *to repeal* 20.395 (1) (gs); *to amend* 27.01 (7) (f) 1., 27.01 (7) (f) 2., 27.01 (7) (f) 3., 27.01 (7) (f) 4., 27.01 (7) (gm) 3., 27.01 (7) (gm) 4., 100.51 (5) (b) 1., 121.53 (4), 134.695 (2) (c), 167.31 (4) (cg) 5., 341.09 (1) (a), 341.09 (2) (a), 341.09 (2) (d), 341.09 (9), 341.11 (4), 341.12 (1), 341.12 (2), 341.13 (2), 341.135 (2) (a) 1., 341.135 (2) (a) 2., 341.135 (2) (am), 341.135 (2) (e), 341.14 (1), 341.14 (1a), 341.14 (1m), 341.14 (1q), 341.14 (2), 341.14 (2m), 341.14 (5), 341.14 (6) (c), 341.14 (6) (d), 341.14 (6m) (a), 341.14 (6m) (b), 341.14 (6r) (b) 1., 341.14 (6r) (b) 2., 341.14 (6r) (g), 341.14 (7), 341.145 (1g) (a), 341.145 (1g) (b), 341.145 (1g) (c), 341.145 (1g) (d), 341.145 (1r), 341.145 (2) (intro.), 341.145 (3), 341.145 (8), 341.15 (1) (intro.), 341.15 (1) (b), 341.15 (2), 341.16 (1) (a), 341.16 (1) (b), 341.16 (2), 341.16 (2m), 341.16 (3), 341.16 (4), 341.265 (1), 341.265 (1m), 341.266 (2) (a), 341.266 (2) (c), 341.266 (2) (d), 341.266 (2) (e) 3., 341.266 (3), 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.), 341.268 (2) (c), 341.268 (2) (d), 341.268 (2) (e) 3., 341.268 (3), 341.27 (3) (a), 341.27 (3) (b), 341.28 (2) (intro.), 341.28 (2) (a), 341.28 (2) (b), 341.28 (3),

1 341.28 (4) (intro.), 341.29 (2), 341.295 (3) (a), 341.295 (3) (b), 341.31 (1) (b) 5.,
2 341.31 (4) (b), 341.31 (4) (c), 341.32 (1), 341.33 (2), 341.33 (3), 341.335 (1), 341.41
3 (8) (a), 341.47 (1) (intro.), 341.47 (3), 341.51 (2), 341.53, 341.625 (1), 341.63 (3),
4 342.05 (5), 342.15 (4) (a), 342.15 (4) (b), 342.15 (4) (c), 342.34 (1) (c), 342.34 (2)
5 (c), 343.51 (1), 344.45 (1), 344.55 (2), 346.50 (2), 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (2a)
6 (a), 346.50 (2a) (b), 346.50 (2a) (c), 346.50 (2a) (d), 346.50 (2a) (e), 346.50 (2a)
7 (f), 346.50 (2a) (g), 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2) (a), 346.505 (2) (b),
8 346.505 (2) (c), 349.13 (1m) and 885.237 (2); and ***to create*** 20.395 (1) (gs), 85.57,
9 110.08 (5) and 341.15 (1g) of the statutes; **relating to:** a single registration
10 plate for motor vehicles, local examining centers, grants to Brown County and
11 municipalities, transfers from the transportation fund to the general fund, and
12 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) issues two registration plates for most motor vehicles. The owner of the motor vehicle is required to display one plate on the front of the vehicle and one plate on the rear of the vehicle. This bill directs DOT to issue only one registration plate for each motor vehicle. With limited exceptions, the registration plate must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

Under current law, DOT employs operator's license examiners at local examining centers to perform duties that are related to license examining. This bill prohibits DOT from closing any local examining center and requires DOT to reopen (and not to close in the future) any previously closed local examining center that was in operation on July 1, 2001.

The bill also requires DOT to award grants totaling $500,000 in January 2003 to Brown County, the city of Green Bay, and the village of Ashwaubenon on a proportionate basis for the costs of the CTH "VK"/Lombardi Avenue project in the city of Green Bay.

Finally, the bill requires the secretary of administration to transfer from the transportation fund to the general fund an amount in each fiscal year equal to the savings realized in the change to a single registration plate for motor vehicles. In fiscal year 2002–03, the amount to be transferred is reduced by the sum of $500,000

(the total amount of grants created by the bill) and the amount of additional costs incurred by DOT with respect to local examining centers.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				2001–02	2002–03
20.395 Transportation, department of					
(1) AIDS					
(gs) Grants to Brown County and					500,000
7 municipalities, state funds	SEG	A	–0–		~~410,000~~

8 **SECTION 2.** 20.395 (1) (gs) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.395 **(1)** (gs) Grants to Brown County and municipalities, state funds. The
10 amounts in the schedule for the purpose of awarding grants under 2001 Wisconsin
11 Act .... (this act), section 122 (1).

12 **SECTION 3.** 20.395 (1) (gs) of the statutes, as created by 2001 Wisconsin Act ....
13 (this act), is repealed.

14 **SECTION 4.** 27.01 (7) (f) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16,
15 is amended to read:

16 27.01 **(7)** (f) 1. Except as provided in par. (gm), the fee for an annual vehicle
17 admission receipt is $19.50 for each vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~
18 plate, except that no fee is charged for a receipt issued under s. 29.235 (6).

19 **SECTION 5.** 27.01 (7) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

1 27.01 **(7)** (f) 2. Except as provided in subds. 3. and 4. and par. (gm) 4., the fee
2 for a daily vehicle admission receipt is $4.85 for any vehicle which has a Wisconsin
3 registration ~~plates~~ plate.

4 **SECTION 6.** 27.01 (7) (f) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 27.01 **(7)** (f) 3. The fee for a daily vehicle admission receipt for a motor bus that
6 has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate is $9.85.

7 **SECTION 7.** 27.01 (7) (f) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 27.01 **(7)** (f) 4. Notwithstanding subd. 3., the fee for a daily vehicle admission
9 receipt for a motor bus which primarily transports residents from nursing homes
10 located in this state is $3.35, for any motor bus which has a Wisconsin registration
11 ~~plates~~ plate.

12 **SECTION 8.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act
13 16, is amended to read:

14 27.01 **(7)** (gm) 3. Notwithstanding par. (f) 1., the fee for an annual vehicle
15 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate and that
16 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is $9.50.

17 **SECTION 9.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 27.01 **(7)** (gm) 4. Notwithstanding par. (f) 2., the fee for a daily vehicle
19 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate and that
20 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is $2.85.

21 **SECTION 10.** 85.57 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **85.57 Transfers from transportation fund to general fund.** In fiscal year
23 2003–04, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the secretary of administration shall
24 transfer from the transportation fund to the general fund an amount equal to the
25 savings realized in that fiscal year by the department as a result of issuing a single

1 registration plate for motor vehicles under s. 341.12 (1) instead of 2 registration
2 plates.

3 **SECTION 11.** 100.51 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 100.51 **(5)** (b) 1. The motor vehicle displays a special registration ~~plates~~ plate
5 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification card
6 issued under s. 343.51 or is a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and
7 displays a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction that
8 designates that the vehicle is used by a physically disabled person.

9 **SECTION 12.** 110.08 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

10 110.08 **(5)** After the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date],
11 the department may not close any local examining center and, as soon as possible,
12 shall reopen any previously closed local examining center that was in operation on
13 July 1, 2001. Any local examining center reopened under this subsection may not
14 be closed by the department.

15 **SECTION 13.** 121.53 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 121.53 **(4)** Every school board shall require that there be filed with it and with
17 the department of transportation a certificate of insurance showing that an
18 insurance policy has been procured and is in effect which covers the owner and
19 operator of the school bus and the school board or shall procure an insurance policy
20 and file such certificate with the department of transportation. Unless such
21 certificate is on file with the department of transportation, no registration ~~plates~~
22 plate for a school bus may be issued by the department of transportation. No such
23 policy may be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason, unless
24 a notice thereof is filed with the department of transportation and with the school
25 board by the insurer at least 10 days prior to the date of termination or cancellation.

The department of transportation shall revoke the registration of a school bus on which the policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of termination or cancellation.

SECTION 14. 134.695 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

134.695 **(2)** (c) The registration plate ~~numbers~~ number and the color, make, model and year of any motor vehicle delivering the used home furnishings to the antique dealer or recycler.

SECTION 15. 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

167.31 **(4)** (cg) 5. The vehicle bears a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1r) or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches square on which is conspicuously written "disabled hunter".

SECTION 16. 341.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 **(1)** (a) The department shall issue temporary operation plates as provided under subs. (2), (2m) and (9) and may issue a temporary operation permit or plate for an unregistered vehicle as otherwise provided under this section. Except as provided in par. (b), the permits or ~~plates~~ plate 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. Except as provided in subs. (3) to (5), a temporary operation plate issued under this section is valid for a period of 90 days or until the applicant receives the regular registration ~~plates~~ plate, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 17. 341.09 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 **(2)** (a) Upon request therefor by a person who has made a verifiable application for registration and paid the registration fee, the department shall issue

a temporary operation permit or plate if it appears that the person would otherwise be unable to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the registration ~~plates~~ plate.

SECTION 18. 341.09 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 **(2)** (d) The department may issue a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate for use on any vehicle except buses, for–hire vehicles and vehicles which are subject to registration under the international registration plan if the state is a party to such plan or vehicles which are subject to registration under s. 341.41 (9). The department shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications of the plate. The department shall charge a fee of $3 for each temporary operation plate issued under this subsection.

SECTION 19. 341.09 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 **(9)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department shall issue a temporary operation plate without charge for an automobile or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less upon receipt of a complete application accompanied by the required fee for registration of the vehicle, including evidence of any inspection under s. 110.20 when required, if the department does not immediately issue the regular registration ~~plates~~ plate for the vehicle and the department determines that the applicant has not otherwise been issued a temporary operation plate under this section.

SECTION 20. 341.11 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.11 **(4)** In the case of a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight for which a special registration ~~plates have~~ plate has been issued under s. 341.14 (2), (6), (6m) or (6r) or for which a personalized registration ~~plates have~~ plate has been issued under s. 341.145, or any motor bus, motor home, dual purpose motor home, motor

truck, truck tractor or road tractor, the certificate of registration shall be displayed in a prominent place in the driver's compartment of the vehicle to which the certificate refers. Any person who operates and any person in whose name the vehicle is registered who consents to the operation of any such vehicle without the certificate of registration being so displayed may be required to forfeit not more than $200.

SECTION 21. 341.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.12 **(1)** The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to s. 341.25 or 341.30 shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant ~~2 registration plates for an automobile, motor truck, motor bus, school bus, self-propelled recreational vehicle or dual purpose motor home and one plate for other vehicles. The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to any other section shall issue one plate unless the department determines that 2 plates will better serve the interests of law enforcement~~ one registration plate.

SECTION 22. 341.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.12 **(2)** The department shall purchase plates from the Waupun Correctional Institution unless otherwise approved by the governor. Subject to any specific requirements which may be imposed by statute, the department shall determine the size, color and design of any registration ~~plates~~ plate with a view toward making ~~them~~ the plate visible evidence of the period for which the vehicle is registered and the fee class into which the vehicle falls as well as making ~~them~~ the plate a ready means of identifying the specific vehicle or owner for which the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued.

SECTION 23. 341.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.13 **(2)** In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight except a motor truck registered under s. 341.14 (6m) or 341.145 (1) (b), a dual purpose motor home, or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (1r) (a), (2) or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (c), (d) or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (6) shall indicate the weight class into which the vehicle falls in a manner prescribed by the department. The gross weight which determines the registration fee for a motor truck registered under s. 341.14 (6m) or 341.145 (1) (b), a dual purpose motor home, or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (1r) (a), (2) or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (c), (d) or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (6) shall be shown on its certificate of registration.

SECTION 24. 341.135 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

341.135 **(2)** (a) 1. Beginning with registrations initially effective on July 1, 2000, upon receipt of a completed application to initially register a vehicle under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), except s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or 55., or s. 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am), the department shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant ~~2~~ one new registration ~~plates~~ plate of the design established under sub. (1).

SECTION 25. 341.135 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

341.135 **(2)** (a) 2. Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3), beginning with registrations initially effective on July 1, 2007, upon receipt of a completed application to initially

register a vehicle under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), or s. 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am), or to renew the registration of a vehicle under those sections for which a registration plate has not been issued during the previous 7 years, the department shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant ~~2~~ one new registration ~~plates~~ plate of the design established for that 7–year period under sub. (1).

SECTION 26. 341.135 (2) (am) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

341.135 **(2)** (am) Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3) and (3m), beginning with registrations initially effective on July 1, 2000, upon receipt of a completed application to renew the registration of a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), except s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or 55., or s. 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) for which a registration plate of the design established under sub. (1) has not been issued, the department may issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant ~~2~~ one new registration plates of the design established under sub. (1). This paragraph does not apply to registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 52., 1997 stats. This paragraph does not apply after June 30, 2007.

SECTION 27. 341.135 (2) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

341.135 **(2)** (e) The department shall issue a new registration ~~plates~~ plate of the design established under sub. (1) for every vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c), or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am) after July 1, 2007.

SECTION 28. 341.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(1)** If any resident of this state who is registering or has registered an automobile, 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 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, 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, a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the veteran, ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate 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~~ plate 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 or renewal of ~~such plates~~ the plate.

SECTION 29. 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(1a)** If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an automobile, 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 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice 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 a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of ~~plates~~ the plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate 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 or renewal of ~~such plates~~ the plate.

SECTION 30. 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(1m)** If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice 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 a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile 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, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate

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 or renewal of the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub. (1a).

SECTION 31. 341.14 (1q) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(1q)** If any employer who provides an automobile, 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, for an employee's use submits to the department a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice 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 employee is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to such employer ~~plates~~ plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ a plate 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 or renewal of the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub. (1a).

1 **SECTION 32.** 341.14 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16,
2 is amended to read:

3 341.14 **(2)** Upon compliance with the laws relating to registration of
4 automobiles and motor homes; motor trucks, dual purpose motor homes and dual
5 purpose farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds; and
6 farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, including
7 payment of the prescribed registration fees therefor plus an additional fee of $15
8 when a registration ~~plates are~~ plate is issued accompanied by an application showing
9 satisfactory proof that the applicant is the holder of an unexpired amateur radio
10 station license issued by the federal communications commission, the department
11 shall issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration
12 number, shall be inscribed in large legible form the call letters of such applicant as
13 assigned by the federal communications commission. The fee for reissuance of a
14 plate under this subsection shall be $15.

15 **SECTION 33.** 341.14 (2m) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16,
16 is amended to read:

17 341.14 **(2m)** Upon compliance with laws relating to registration of motor
18 vehicles, including payment of the prescribed fee, and an additional fee of $15 when
19 the original or new registration ~~plates are~~ plate is issued and accompanied by an
20 application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant has a collector's
21 identification number as provided in s. 341.266 (2) (d), the department shall issue a
22 registration ~~plates~~ plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration number, shall be
23 inscribed the collector's identification number issued under s. 341.266 (2) (d). The
24 words "VEHICLE COLLECTOR" shall be inscribed across the lower or upper portion
25 of the plate at the discretion of the department. Additional registrations under this

subsection by the same collector shall bear the same collector's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification. Registration plates issued under this subsection shall expire annually.

SECTION 34. 341.14 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(5)** Upon application by any person awarded the congressional medal of honor and submission of proper proof thereof, the department shall issue a special ~~plates~~ plate so designed as to indicate such award. No charge whatever shall be made for the issuance of such ~~plates~~ plate.

SECTION 35. 341.14 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(6)** (c) A person who maintains no more than one registration under this subsection at one time shall not be charged a fee for registration of the vehicle or issuance of the ~~plates~~ plate.

SECTION 36. 341.14 (6) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

341.14 **(6)** (d) For each additional vehicle, a person who maintains more than one registration under this subsection at one time shall be charged a fee of $15 for issuance or reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate in addition to the annual registration fee for the vehicle. Except as provided in par. (c), a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under this subsection shall be registered under this paragraph.

SECTION 37. 341.14 (6m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

341.14 **(6m)** (a) Upon application to register an automobile or motor truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds by any person who is a resident of this state and a member or retired member of the national guard, the department shall issue to the person a special ~~plates~~ plate whose colors and design

shall be determined by the department and which ~~have~~ has the words "Wisconsin guard member" placed on the ~~plates~~ plate in the manner designated by the department. The department shall consult with or obtain the approval of the adjutant general with respect to any word or symbol used to identify the national guard. An additional fee of $15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate. Registration plates issued under this subsection shall expire annually.

SECTION 38. 341.14 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(6m)** (b) Except as provided in par. (c), if an individual in possession of a special ~~plates~~ plate under this subsection or of a personalized ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.145 (1) (b) does not maintain membership in the national guard during a year which is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~ plate in a manner prescribed by the department.

SECTION 39. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(6r)** (b) 1. Upon application to register an automobile or motor home, 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, or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a member of an authorized special group, the department shall issue to the person a special ~~plates~~ plate whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member of the applicable special group. The department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 55. until 6 months after the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any approvals required for use of any logo, trademark, trade name or other commercial symbol designating the professional football team have been obtained.

1 **SECTION 40.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act
2 16, is amended to read:
3 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 2. An additional fee of $15 shall be charged for the issuance or
4 reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate for special groups specified under par. (f).
5 **SECTION 41.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:
6 341.14 **(6r)** (g) If an individual in possession of a special ~~plates~~ plate under par.
7 (f) 33., 34. or 48. or of a personalized ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same
8 color and design as a special ~~plates~~ plate under par. (f) 33., 34. or 48. does not
9 maintain membership in the applicable authorized special group during a year that
10 is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~ plate
11 in a manner prescribed by the department.
12 **SECTION 42.** 341.14 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:
13 341.14 **(7)** The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for
14 a registration ~~plates~~ plate under sub. (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1q) relating to the
15 parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request
16 enforcement of s. 346.505.
17 **SECTION 43.** 341.145 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
18 341.145 **(1g)** (a) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~
19 plate under sub. (1) (b) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s.
20 341.14 (6m).
21 **SECTION 44.** 341.145 (1g) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
22 341.145 **(1g)** (b) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~
23 plate under sub. (1) (c) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s.
24 341.14 (6r).
25 **SECTION 45.** 341.145 (1g) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 **(1g)** (c) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate under sub. (1) (d) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.14 (1).

SECTION 46. 341.145 (1g) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 **(1g)** (d) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate under sub. (1) (e) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m) or (1q).

SECTION 47. 341.145 (1r) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 **(1r)** In lieu of the procedure under s. 341.13 (2), the department may issue a distinguishing tags ~~or decals for~~ tag or decal for a personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight.

SECTION 48. 341.145 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 **(2)** (intro.) The department shall issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate only upon request and if:

SECTION 49. 341.145 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 **(3)** In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (a), (c) or (j) or (2) or 341.26 (3) (a) 2. or (am), the applicant for a personalized registration plate issued on an annual basis shall pay a fee of $15 for the issuance of the plate and $15 in each succeeding year to maintain the plate. In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (b) or 341.26 (3) (a) 1., the applicant for a personalized registration plate issued on a biennial basis shall pay a fee of $30 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued during the first year of the biennial registration period or $15 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. The fee to maintain a personalized plate issued on a biennial basis is $30. The fee for reissuance of a

personalized plate shall be $15 for an annual registration and $30 for a biennial registration. An applicant for a personalized ~~plates~~ plate issued under sub. (1) (b) or (c) shall not be required to pay the fee for initial issuance of the ~~plates~~ plate.

SECTION 50. 341.145 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 **(8)** The department may cancel and order the return of any personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate issued which ~~contain~~ contains any combination of letters or numbers, or both, which the department determines may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or which may be misleading. Any person ordered to return ~~such plates~~ a plate under this subsection shall either be reimbursed for any additional fees they paid for the ~~plates~~ plate for the registration year in which they are recalled, or be given at no additional cost a replacement personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate, the issuance of which is in compliance with the statutes. A person who fails to return a personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate upon request of the department may be required to forfeit not more than $200.

SECTION 51. 341.15 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.15 **(1)** (intro.) ~~Whenever 2 registration plates are issued for a vehicle, one plate shall be attached to the front and one to the rear of the vehicle.~~ Whenever ~~only~~ one registration plate is issued for a vehicle, the plate shall be attached as follows:

SECTION 52. 341.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.15 **(1)** (b) For any other vehicle ~~for which only one plate is issued~~, to the rear, except that a plate issued to or for a municipality under s. 341.26 (2m) may be attached to the front of the vehicle if the design or use of the vehicle is such as to make a plate attached to the rear difficult to see and read.

SECTION 53. 341.15 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

341.15 **(1g)** The owner of any vehicle for which 2 registration plates were issued before the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], may remove and destroy one registration plate from the vehicle but is not required to do so until such time as the department issues a new plate upon the renewal of registration of the vehicle. If a person removes and destroys one plate, the remaining plate must comply with the requirements of sub. (1).

SECTION 54. 341.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.15 **(2)** ~~Registration plates~~ A registration plate shall be attached firmly and rigidly in a horizontal position and conspicuous place. The ~~plates~~ plate shall at all times be maintained in a legible condition and shall be so displayed that ~~they~~ it can be readily and distinctly seen and read. Any peace officer may require the operator of any vehicle on which ~~plates are~~ a plate is not properly displayed to display ~~such plates~~ the plate as required by this section.

SECTION 55. 341.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 **(1)** (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of $2 for ~~each~~ the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

SECTION 56. 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

341.16 **(1)** (b) Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a special plate issued under s. 341.14 (6m) (a), (6r) (b), or (6w) or a special personalized plate issued under s. 341.145 (1) (b), (c), or (f) and upon payment of a fee of $5 for ~~each~~ the plate

or, if the plate is for a special group specified under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 35. to 47. or 53., $6 for ~~each~~ the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

SECTION 57. 341.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 **(2)** Whenever a current registration plate becomes illegible, the owner of the vehicle to which the plate is attached shall apply to the department for a replacement. Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon receipt of satisfactory proof of illegibility, and upon payment of a fee of $2 for ~~each~~ the plate, the department shall issue a replacement. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy the illegible plate.

SECTION 58. 341.16 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 **(2m)** Upon request therefor and payment of a fee of $10, the department may issue an applicant for a replacement ~~plates~~ plate for an automobile registered pursuant to the registration system under s. 341.27 a registration ~~plates~~ plate of the design specified in s. 341.13 for the plate issuance cycle next succeeding the cycle under which the original ~~plates were~~ plate was issued. The department may limit the receipt of requests under this subsection to applicants for a renewal registration of a motor vehicle.

SECTION 59. 341.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 **(3)** When issuing a replacement plate, the department may assign a new number and issue a new plate rather than a duplicate of the original if in its judgment that is in the best interests of economy or prevention of fraud. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy ~~all plates~~ the plate replaced.

SECTION 60. 341.16 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 **(4)** Any person issued a replacement ~~plates~~ plate who fails to destroy the original ~~plates~~ plate as required by sub. (2) or (3) may be required to forfeit not more than $200.

SECTION 61. 341.265 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.265 **(1)** Any person who is a resident of this state and the owner or subsequent transferee of a motor vehicle which has a model year of 1945 or earlier and which has not been altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications may upon application register the same as an antique vehicle upon payment of a fee of $5, and be furnished a registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design, in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~ plate, which shall show in addition to the registration number that the vehicle is an antique. The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any additional fee. The vehicle shall only be used for special occasions such as display and parade purposes or for necessary testing, maintenance and storage purposes. A motorcycle may be registered as an antique vehicle if all of the requirements for registration specified in this subsection are satisfied.

SECTION 62. 341.265 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.265 **(1m)** A person who registers an antique motor vehicle under sub. (1) may furnish and display on the vehicle a historical plate from or representing the model year of the vehicle if the registration and ~~plates~~ plate issued by the department are simultaneously carried in or, with respect to an antique motorcycle, with the vehicle and are available for inspection.

SECTION 63. 341.266 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 **(2)** (a) Any person who is the owner of a special interest vehicle which is 20 or more years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer

of title of the vehicle and who, unless the owner is an historical society that is exempt from federal income taxes, owns, has registered in this state and uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate may upon application register the vehicle as a special interest vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b).

SECTION 64. 341.266 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 **(2)** (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~ plate, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a special interest vehicle owned by a Wisconsin collector. Upon application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any additional fee.

SECTION 65. 341.266 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 **(2)** (d) Each collector applying for a special interest vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate will be issued a collector's identification number which will appear on ~~each~~ the plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the same collector will bear the same collector's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification.

SECTION 66. 341.266 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 **(2)** (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no special interest vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under par. (c) with a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate or transfers a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the vehicle.

SECTION 67. 341.266 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 **(3)** In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first time only) processing fee of $50 to defray the cost of issuing the original collector's special interest vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate and to ensure that each collector will be issued only one collector's identification number.

SECTION 68. 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 **(2)** (a) (intro.) Any person who is the owner of a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle and who owns, has registered in this state and uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate may upon application register the vehicle as a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b), provided that the vehicle is one of the following:

SECTION 69. 341.268 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 **(2)** (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~ plate, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle owned by a Wisconsin hobbyist. Upon application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any additional fee.

SECTION 70. 341.268 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 **(2)** (d) Each hobbyist applying for a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate will be issued a hobbyist's identification number which will appear on ~~each~~ the plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the same hobbyist will bear the same hobbyist's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification.

SECTION 71. 341.268 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 **(2)** (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under par. (c) with a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate or transfers a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the vehicle.

SECTION 72. 341.268 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 **(3)** In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first time only) processing fee of $50 to defray the cost of issuing the original hobbyist's reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate and to ensure that each hobbyist will be issued only one hobbyist's identification number.

SECTION 73. 341.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.27 **(3)** (a) If the applicant holds a current registration ~~plates that were~~ plate that was removed from an automobile that the applicant no longer owns or that has been junked, is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued under the system of registration prescribed by this section, the department shall register the automobile which is the subject of the application for the remainder of the unexpired registration period.

SECTION 74. 341.27 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.27 **(3)** (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original rather than renewal application, the department may register the automobile which

is the subject of the application for such period or part thereof as the secretary determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the department.

SECTION 75. 341.28 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 **(2)** (intro.) If the applicant for registration holds a current registration ~~plates which were~~ plate that was removed from an automobile which the applicant no longer owns or which has been junked, is no longer being used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued under the system of registration prescribed by s. 341.27, the applicant is exempt from the payment of a registration fee, except in the following cases:

SECTION 76. 341.28 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 **(2)** (a) If the annual fee prescribed for the automobile being registered is higher than the annual fee prescribed for the automobile from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed, the applicant shall pay a fee computed on the basis of one–twelfth of the difference between the 2 annual fees multiplied by the number of months for which the automobile which is the subject of the application is being registered. The start of the new registration, for the purpose of computing the fee, shall be determined in accordance with sub. (7).

SECTION 77. 341.28 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 **(2)** (b) If the automobile which is the subject of the application was owned by the applicant at any time during the month in which the transfer, termination of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) of the other automobile

occurred and was not currently registered at the time of such transfer, termination of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a), the applicant shall pay a fee to be computed as provided in subs. (3) to (5) but shall receive a credit for the unused portion of the current registration. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one–twelfth of the annual fee paid for the vehicle from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed multiplied by the number of months remaining in the registration period represented by the removed ~~plates~~ plate, including the month during which the applicant transferred, discontinued to use on the highways, junked or registered under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) or terminated the consumer lease of the automobile from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed.

SECTION 78. 341.28 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 **(3)** If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate under the circumstances described in sub. (2) and the automobile which is the subject of the application has not previously been registered in this state by the applicant, the fee payable by the applicant shall be computed on the basis of one–twelfth of the annual fee multiplied by the number of months for which the automobile is being registered, the start of such registration period to be determined in accordance with sub. (7).

SECTION 79. 341.28 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 **(4)** (intro.) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate under the circumstances described in sub. (2) but the automobile which is the subject of the application has previously been registered in this state by the applicant, the applicant shall pay a fee covering all the time since the end of the period for which the automobile previously was registered unless:

1 **SECTION 80.** 341.29 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.29 **(2)** If an application for registration of a vehicle subject to registration
3 on an annual or biennial basis is received less than 2 months prior to the beginning
4 of any registration period and the vehicle is not registered in this state at the time
5 of application and the applicant desires to register for the succeeding registration
6 period as well as for the remainder of the current period, the department upon
7 registering the vehicle shall issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate designed for the
8 succeeding registration period rather than for the current period. ~~Such plates also~~
9 ~~serve~~ The plate also serves during the remainder of the current registration period
10 as lawful evidence of the registration of the vehicle. This subsection does not affect
11 computation of fee payable by the applicant.

12 **SECTION 81.** 341.295 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.295 **(3)** (a) If the applicant holds a registration ~~plates which were~~ plate that
14 was removed from a vehicle under s. 341.31 (4) (c), 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or
15 (2) (c), and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued under the monthly series system, the
16 department shall register a replacement vehicle of the same type and gross weight
17 which is the subject of the application for the remainder of the unexpired registration
18 period.

19 **SECTION 82.** 341.295 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.295 **(3)** (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate
21 under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original
22 rather than renewal application, the department may register the vehicle which is
23 the subject of the application for such period or part of a period as the secretary
24 determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the
25 department.

1 **SECTION 83.** 341.31 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.31 **(1)** (b) 5. The vehicle is a motorcycle which has been transferred or
3 leased to the applicant and for which a current registration ~~plates~~ plate had been
4 issued to the previous owner; or

5 **SECTION 84.** 341.31 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 341.31 **(4)** (b) A person retaining a ~~set of plates~~ plate removed from a vehicle
7 under s. 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or (2) (c) and which was junked or transferred,
8 is no longer leased to the person or used on the highways or has been registered as
9 a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street
10 modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a) may receive credit for the
11 unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement vehicle
12 of the same type and gross weight.

13 **SECTION 85.** 341.31 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.31 **(4)** (c) A person retaining a ~~set of plates~~ plate removed from a motorcycle
15 may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when
16 registering a replacement motorcycle.

17 **SECTION 86.** 341.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.32 **(1)** Whenever the construction or the use of a registered vehicle is
19 changed in a manner making the vehicle subject to a different registration fee than
20 the fee for which the vehicle currently is registered, the owner shall immediately
21 make application for reregistration. The fee payable upon such reregistration shall
22 be computed as for a vehicle not previously registered in this state but a credit shall
23 be allowed for the unused portion of the fee paid for the previous registration if the
24 registration ~~plates~~ plate issued upon the previous registration ~~are~~ is returned to the
25 department. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one–twelfth of the annual

registration fee or one twenty–fourth of the biennial registration fee prescribed for the vehicle as previously registered multiplied by the number of months of registration which have not fully expired on the date the vehicle became subject to the different fee. The credit may be applied toward the reregistration of the vehicle only up to the date when the previous registration would have expired.

SECTION 87. 341.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.33 **(2)** The department shall refund the unused portion of a registration fee paid for the registration of a vehicle owned by a person who is entering active service in the naval or military forces of the United States if the person makes application for such refund upon a form prescribed by the department, furnishes such proof as the department may require that the vehicle will not be operated in this or another state during the remainder of the period for which the vehicle is registered, and returns to the department the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~ plate. The refund shall be computed on the basis of one–twelfth of the annual registration fee or one twenty–fourth of the biennial registration fee paid for the vehicle, multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the period for which the vehicle is registered when the vehicle ceases to be operated.

SECTION 88. 341.33 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.33 **(3)** Upon request, the department shall refund 50% of a registration fee paid for a vehicle registered on a biennial basis if the person who registered the vehicle furnishes such proof as the department requires that the person has transferred his or her interest in the vehicle or terminated leasing the vehicle before the beginning of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is registered or that the vehicle will not be operated in this state after the beginning of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is registered. The department may require the

person to return the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~ plate for the vehicle to the department. Except as provided in sub. (1), the department may not refund more than 50% of the fee paid for the registration of a vehicle registered on a biennial basis.

SECTION 89. 341.335 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.335 **(1)** Whenever any person, after applying for and receiving a registration ~~plates~~ plate, moves from the address named in the application for the registration ~~plates~~ plate or when the name of the licensee is changed by marriage or otherwise, the person shall within 10 days notify the department in writing of the old and new address or of such former and new names and of all registration plate numbers held.

SECTION 90. 341.41 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.41 **(8)** (a) Residents of the state operating a fleet of 3 or more units consisting of trucks, truck tractors or road tractors with a gross weight of not less than 12,000 pounds shall display a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate for which 100% of the fee has been paid on vehicles not exempt from Wisconsin registration and operated in intrastate commerce. Vehicles engaged in interstate commerce may display a Wisconsin prorate registration ~~plates~~ plate for which a proportional registration fee has been paid in addition to a full fee registration plate from another jurisdiction. Such proportional registration shall be accomplished either by payment to the department of registration fees in an amount equal to that obtained by applying the proportion of in–state fleet miles divided by the total fleet miles to the total fees which would otherwise be required for the registration of all such vehicles in this state, or by registration of a portion of such vehicles as determined under this subsection. The department may refuse to permit any or all of such vehicles to be

registered under apportionment if the department is not satisfied that this state will obtain a fair and equitable share of license registrations of the vehicles comprising such fleet.

SECTION 91. 341.47 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.47 **(1)** (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (2), any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is owned or repossessed by, or consigned for sale to, a dealer, distributor or manufacturer may be operated on the highways of this state for either private or business purposes without being registered if the vehicle has displayed upon it a valid registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.51 to the dealer, distributor or manufacturer and the vehicle:

SECTION 92. 341.47 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.47 **(3)** A vehicle which is being transported in tow on its own wheels or under its own power from the manufacturer to the distributor, dealer or branch of the manufacturer, or from the distributor or dealer to another distributor or dealer or to the manufacturer or branch of the manufacturer, or from the branch of the manufacturer to the distributor, dealer or manufacturer by a transporter of vehicles need not be registered if such vehicle has displayed upon it a valid registration ~~plates~~ plate issued to the transporter pursuant to s. 341.51. The requirement under this subsection that the vehicle be transported in tow on its own wheels or under its own power does not apply to trailers, semitrailers or truck tractors.

SECTION 93. 341.51 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.51 **(2)** Upon registering a dealer, distributor, manufacturer or transporter the department also shall issue ~~2~~ one registration ~~plates~~ plate. The department, upon receiving a fee of $5 for each additional plate desired by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer of motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers, $5 for each additional

plate desired by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer of recreational vehicles and $5 for each additional plate desired by a transporter, shall issue to the registered dealer, distributor, manufacturer or transporter the additional plates as ordered. The department may charge a fee of $2 per plate for replacing lost, damaged or illegible plates issued under this subsection.

SECTION 94. 341.53 of the statutes is amended to read:

341.53 Expiration of registration; transferability of ~~plates~~ plate. Certificates of registration and registration plates issued to dealers, distributors, manufacturers or transporters shall be issued for the calendar year and are valid only during the calendar year for which issued. ~~Registration plates are~~ A registration plate is transferable from one motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to another motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer and from one recreational vehicle to another.

SECTION 95. 341.625 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.625 **(1)** Any person who fraudulently procures or uses a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) shall forfeit not less than $200 nor more than $500.

SECTION 96. 341.63 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 84, is amended to read:

341.63 **(3)** Whenever the registration of a vehicle is suspended under this section or ch. 344, the department may order the owner or person in possession of the registration ~~plates~~ plate to return ~~them~~ it to the department. Any person who fails to return the ~~plates~~ plate when ordered to do so by the department may be required to forfeit not more than $200.

SECTION 97. 342.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.05 **(5)** Unless otherwise authorized by rule of the department, a nonresident owner of a vehicle that is not subject to registration in this state may not apply for a certificate of title under this chapter unless the vehicle is subject to a security interest or except as provided in s. 342.16 (1) (a). Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a nonresident may purchase a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.09 (4). Any temporary operation permit or plate issued under s. 341.09 shall not be considered registration of the vehicle for purposes of this subsection.

SECTION 98. 342.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.15 **(4)** (a) If the vehicle being transferred is a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home 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 or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the owner shall remove the registration ~~plates~~ plate and retain and preserve ~~them~~ the plate for use on any other vehicle of the same type and gross weight which may subsequently be registered in his or her name.

SECTION 99. 342.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.15 **(4)** (b) If the vehicle being transferred is a vehicle registered under s. 341.26 at a special fee and the new owner will not be entitled to register the vehicle at such fee, the transferor shall remove and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

SECTION 100. 342.15 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.15 **(4)** (c) In all other cases the transferor shall permit the ~~plates~~ plate to remain attached to the vehicle being transferred, except that if the vehicle has been junked the transferor shall remove and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

SECTION 101. 342.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.34 **(1)** (c) If the vehicle is a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home 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 or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the owner shall remove the registration ~~plates~~ plate and retain and preserve ~~them~~ the plate for use on any other vehicle of the same type which may subsequently be registered in his or her name. If the vehicle is not a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27, or a motor home 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 or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, he or she shall remove and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

SECTION 102. 342.34 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.34 **(2)** (c) Remove and either retain or destroy the registration ~~plates~~ plate for the vehicle as provided in sub. (1) (c).".

SECTION 103. 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.51 **(1)** Any person who qualifies for a registration ~~plates~~ plate of a special design under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or any other person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk may request from the department a special identification card 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 an

advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice 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 person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The statement shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, 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 104. 344.45 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 84, is amended to read:

344.45 **(1)** Whenever a person's operating privilege or registration is suspended under this chapter, the department may order the person to surrender to the department his or her operator's license and the registration plate or plates of the vehicle or vehicles for which registration was suspended. If the person fails immediately to return the operator's license or registration plate or plates to the department, the department may direct a traffic officer to take possession thereof and return them to the department.

SECTION 105. 344.55 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 84, is amended to read:

344.55 **(2)** The department may not issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate for such a vehicle unless there is on file with the department a certificate of insurance showing that the vehicle is insured in compliance with sub. (1). No such policy may

be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason unless a notice thereof is filed with the department at least 30 days prior to the date of termination or cancellation. The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle on which the insurance policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of termination or cancellation.

SECTION 106. 346.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2)** Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a special registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1) or (1r) (a) to a disabled veteran or on his or her behalf 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 disabled veteran to whom or on whose behalf the special plates ~~were~~ plate was issued and to qualified operators acting under the disabled veteran's express direction with the disabled veteran present.

SECTION 107. 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a special registration ~~plates~~ plate 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 108. 346.50 (2a) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (a) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1a).

SECTION 109. 346.50 (2a) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (b) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1a) when such person is present.

SECTION 110. 346.50 (2a) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (c) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1m) when the disabled person for whom the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued is present.

SECTION 111. 346.50 (2a) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (d) A person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1q).

SECTION 112. 346.50 (2a) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (e) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1q) when such person is present.

SECTION 113. 346.50 (2a) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (f) A person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1r) (a).

SECTION 114. 346.50 (2a) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (g) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1r) (a) when the person is present.

SECTION 115. 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(3)** Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing a special registration ~~plates~~ plate 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 person with a physical disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official traffic signs indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a) (a) to (m).

SECTION 116. 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 bearing a special registration ~~plates~~ plate 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 117. 346.505 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.505 **(2)** (a) 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 a special registration ~~plates~~ plate 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 118. 346.505 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.505 **(2)** (b) 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 so as to obstruct, block or otherwise limit the use of any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration ~~plates~~ plate 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 119. 346.505 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.505 **(2)** (c) Notwithstanding par. (b), 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 that is clearly marked as and intended to be an access aisle to provide entry to and exit from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities and which is immediately adjacent to any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration ~~plates~~ plate 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 person with a physical disability.

SECTION 120. 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 bearing a special registration ~~plates~~ plate 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.

1 **SECTION 121.** 885.237 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 885.237 **(2)** Notwithstanding s. 341.04, the fact that an automobile or motor
3 truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less is located on a highway, as
4 defined in s. 340.01 (22), and is not displaying a valid registration ~~plates~~ plate, a
5 temporary operation plate or other evidence of registration as provided under s.
6 341.18 (1) is prima facie evidence, for purposes of ch. 341, that the vehicle is an
7 unregistered or improperly registered vehicle.

8 **SECTION 122. Nonstatutory provisions.**

9 (1) GRANTS TO BROWN COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES. From the appropriation
10 under section 20.395 (1) (gs) of the statutes, as created by this act, the department
11 of transportation shall award grants totaling $500,000 in January 2003 to Brown
12 County, the city of Green Bay, and the village of Ashwaubenon to be used to pay costs
13 associated with the CTH "VK"/Lombardi Avenue project in the city of Green Bay in
14 Brown County. Grant proceeds under this subsection shall be distributed in
15 proportion to the percentage of the costs of the project to be borne by each local
16 governmental unit.

17 **SECTION 123. Appropriation changes.**

18 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
19 to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as
20 affected by the acts of 2001, the dollar amount is decreased by $878,200 for fiscal year
21 2002–03 to decrease funding for the issuance of registration plates by the
22 department of transportation.

23 (2) In fiscal year 2002–03, the secretary of administration shall transfer from
24 the transportation fund to the general fund an amount equal to the savings realized
25 in that fiscal year by the department of transportation as a result of issuing a single

1 registration plate for motor vehicles under section 341.12 (1) of the statutes, as
2 affected by this act, instead of 2 registration plates. The amount of the transfer under
3 this subsection shall be reduced by the sum of $500,000 and, as determined by the
4 secretary of administration, the amount of additional costs incurred by the
5 department of transportation to implement section 110.08 (5) of the statutes, as
6 created by this act.

7 **SECTION 124. Initial applicability.**

8 (1) This act first applies to registration plates issued by the department of
9 transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

10 **SECTION 125. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd
11 month beginning after publication, except as follows:

12 (1) The repeal of section 20.395 (1) (gs) of the statutes takes effect on July 1,
13 2003.

14 **(END)**

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Hansen

From: Timothy N. Fast, Senior Legislative Attorney

Re: LRB-4221/2 Single registration plate/DMV service centers

The attached draft was prepared at your request. Please review it carefully to ensure that it is accurate and satisfies your intent. If it does and you would like it jacketed for introduction, please indicate below for which house you would like the draft jacketed and return this memorandum to our office. If you have any questions about jacketing, please call our program assistants at 266-3561. Please allow one day for jacketing.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Hansen and Senator Cowles

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Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2001 SB–366** (LRB–4221/2)

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file. If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

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TO: Sens. Hansen and Cowles

CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Office of Policy & Budget

Date: January 22, 2002

To: Legislative Reference Bureau

From: Karen Porter
Budget and Policy Analyst, Department of Transportation

Subject: Technical Note for SB 366

Section 10; page 4 and page 5. This section required the Department to make annual fund transfers from the Transportation Fund to the General Fund in FY 04 and each fiscal year thereafter. The amount of the annual transfer is not specified in the bill. Similar to the FY 03 transfer described in SB 366, Section 123 (2), if the intent of the bill is to provide funding to the Department for continued operation of the DMV customer service centers re-opened (per Section 12 of SB 366), then language in this section would need to be modified to provide the additional budget authority.

Section 93; page 32, line 23. This section impacts on the registration of motor vehicle dealers, distributors, manufacturers, and transporters, as opposed to specific types of vehicles. When businesses register under s. 341.47, the Department issues two dealer license plates for each paid business license. These plates are attached to vehicles used during customer test drives, moving the vehicle from factory to dealer, when the manufacturer takes the vehicle on the road for test drives, and other business purposes. Only one plate is temporarily attached to the vehicle when operating on the roadway. It is inappropriate to change this section. Section 93 of SB 366 should be deleted and current language should continue.

Section 123; page 42, line 20. The appropriation reduction of $878,200 is the savings generated from issuing one license plate on a 9-year reissuance cycle. DOT has learned from the Department of Corrections that this savings will be less due to an increase of raw material costs from the sheeting manufacturer that would offset the reduction in plate quantities. The updated appropriation reduction would be $792,900.

Section 123; page 42, line 20. Sections 24 and 25 of SB 366 state the reissuance cycle will remain at 7-year, per current law. If the bill's intent is to remain on a 7-year reissuance cycle, then line 20 should be changed to $869,200.

Section 123; page 42, line 20. The appropriation reduction represents a full-year of savings in the license plate program from issuing only one license plate. If the actual effective date of the bill is after July 1, 2002, the budget authority reduction from Chapter 20 would need to be reduced to reflect a partial year of savings in the license plate program.