



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 194

March 25, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives FREESE, HINES and OTT, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, ROESSLER and BROWN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and **to create** 341.14 (6r) (f) 3m., 341.14  
2           (6r) (f) 6m., 341.14 (6r) (f) 9g., 341.14 (6r) (f) 9m., 341.14 (6r) (f) 12g. and 341.14  
3           (6r) (f) 12m. of the statutes; **relating to:** special distinguishing registration  
4           plates for groups that are military in nature.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for designation as an authorized special group. If the application is approved, members of the authorized special group may obtain special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes, that are owned or leased by special group members. A fee, in addition to the regular registration fee for the particular kind of vehicle, is assessed for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special distinguishing registration plates were specifically enumerated in state law. Current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

This bill creates exceptions to the general prohibition against specifically enumerating in state law special groups whose members may apply for special group registration plates. The bill establishes the following authorized groups that are military in nature: U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the Civil Air Patrol. In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special

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group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 3m. of the statutes is created to read:

2           341.14 **(6r)** (f) 3m. U.S. Military Academy.

3           **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 6m. of the statutes is created to read:

4           341.14 **(6r)** (f) 6m. U.S. Naval Academy.

5           **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 9g. of the statutes is created to read:

6           341.14 **(6r)** (f) 9g. U.S. Air Force Academy.

7           **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 9m. of the statutes is created to read:

8           341.14 **(6r)** (f) 9m. Civil Air Patrol.

9           **SECTION 5.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 12g. of the statutes is created to read:

10          341.14 **(6r)** (f) 12g. U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

11          **SECTION 6.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 12m. of the statutes is created to read:

12          341.14 **(6r)** (f) 12m. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

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

14          341.14 **(6r)** (fm) 7. ~~Except for the authorized special group enumerated under~~  
15 ~~par. (f) 55., after~~ After October 1, 1998, additional authorized special groups may  
16 only be special groups designated by the department under this paragraph. The  
17 authorized special groups enumerated in par. (f) shall be limited solely to those  
18 special groups specified under par. (f) on October 1, 1998, ~~except for the authorized~~

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1 ~~special group enumerated under par. (f) 55.~~ This subdivision does not apply to the

2 special group specified under par. (f) 3m., 6m., 9g., 9m., 12g., 12m., and 54.

3 (END)