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Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure

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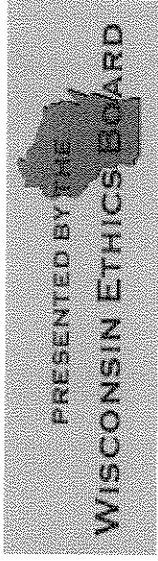
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Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
Senator Joseph Leibham, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ted Kanavas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Neal Kedzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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as of Tuesday, February 10, 2004

2003-2004 legislative session

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Senate Bill 420

issuance of motor vehicle certificates of title and special distinguishing registration plates that identify the bearer as a member of the national guard. (FE)

No organization has reported lobbying activity on Senate Bill 420 2003 Regular Session.

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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

ASSEMBLY BILL 778 / SENATE BILL 420

TESTIMONY OF CO-AUTHORS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN AINSWORTH AND STATE SENATOR JOE LEIBHAM

- Wednesday, February 11, 2004 -

Good morning Committee members.

As the authors of Assembly Bill (AB) 778 and the companion legislation Senate Bill (SB) 420, we would like to thank you for your willingness to hear testimony on these bills that would make changes in motor vehicle statutes, which were written to correspond to DMV's legacy registration system, which will become obsolete in order to comply with the implementation of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) redesigned vehicle registration system.

AB 778 and SB 420, as requested by the WisDOT, make several statutory changes:

- Repeals the requirement that the WisDOT must issue distinctive certificates of title to vehicles last registered in another state.
- S. 342.10(4) requires that if a vehicle comes from a state in which a lien holder is not listed on the title, then the Wisconsin title will have the notation, "This vehicle may be subject to an undisclosed security interest."
- If, after 4 months, nobody has notified the WisDOT that they have a security interest, then the WisDOT will issue a clear title. This provision dates from many years ago, when several states did not require liens to be listed on vehicle titles. Now, all states require liens to be listed on titles, and this provision is no longer needed.
- Repeals the statutorily specified wording that the WisDOT is required to print on replacement titles, and instead gives the Department the authority to determine appropriate wording.
- S. 342.13, relating to lost, stolen, or mutilated titles, requires specific wording to be printed on a replacement title. The wording is unnecessarily long and as federal rules will require the WisDOT to increase the number of title notations to be printed, long wording will interfere with the Department's ability to print these notations.
- Allows a member of the national guard to obtain special distinguishing "Wisconsin guard member" registration plates for a motor home, light farm truck, light dual purpose motor home, or light dual purpose farm truck.
- Eliminates the requirement that the WisDOT must check an application for a certificate of title against the record of stolen vehicles in the Department of Justice (DOJ).

- S. 341.14(6m) allow a special "Wisconsin National Guard" plate to be issued for an automobile or light truck. This was the first special plate established in law. Since then, other special plates have been authorized for not only automobile and light truck, but also light motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck, and also light farm truck. By policy, DMV has issued National Guard plates to all other eligible registration types. However, this provision should be statutorily amended to add all other eligible registration types, making it exactly parallel with other special plates.
- S. 342.08 requires the WisDOT to check stolen vehicle listings before titling a vehicle upon transfer of ownership. Current wording specifies that the WisDOT check the listings in the DOJ. This provision was created several years ago. Since that time, federal law requires the DMV to check stolen records through another look-up, the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). To avoid confusion, this section should be amended to eliminate the reference to the DOJ. The WisDOT will still be required to check stolen vehicle records; only the specific method will be eliminated.

In closing, we thank you for your attention to AB 778 and SB 320 which make necessary changes to state statute in regard to the WisDOT, which the enactment of these changes would have no fiscal impact on the DOT, or the Transportation Fund.

Thank you.

Prepare as joint testimony.

ASSEMBLY & SENATE TRANSPORTATION JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
Testimony for Assembly Bill 778/Senate Bill 420
February 11, 2004

Several statutory references in motor vehicle statutes, which were written to correspond to DMV's legacy registration system, will be obsolete with implementation of DMV's redesigned vehicle registration system.

AB 778 and SB 420, as requested by the Department of Transportation, change these provisions to reflect the current environment, and avoid confusion.

Specific changes made by these bills:

- Repeals the requirement that DOT must issue distinctive certificates of title to vehicles last registered in another state.

S. 342.10(4) requires that if a vehicle comes from a state in which a lienholder is NOT listed on the title, then the Wisconsin title will have the notation, "This vehicle may be subject to an undisclosed security interest."

If, after 4 months, nobody has notified DOT that they have a security interest, then DOT will issue a clear title.

This provision dates from many years ago, when several states did not require liens to be listed on vehicle titles.

Now, all states require liens to be listed on titles, and this provision is no longer needed.

- Repeals the statutorily specified wording that DOT is required to print on replacement titles, and instead gives the Department the authority to determine appropriate wording.

S. 342.13, relating to lost, stolen, or mutilated titles, requires specific wording to be printed on a replacement title.

The wording is unnecessarily long.

As federal rules will require the DOT an increased number of title notations to be printed, long wording will interfere with the Department's ability to print these notations.

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This was the first special plate established in law.

Since then, other special plates have been authorized for not only automobile and light truck, but also light motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck, and also light farm truck.

By policy, DMV has issued National Guard plates to all other eligible registration types.

However, this provision should be statutorily amended to add all other eligible registration types, making it exactly parallel with other special plates.

- Eliminates the requirement that DOT must check an application for a certificate of title against the record of stolen vehicles in the Department of Justice (DOJ).

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Current wording specifies that DOT check the listings in the DOJ.

This provision was created several years ago. Since that time, federal law requires DMV to check stolen records through another look-up, the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS).

To avoid confusion, this section should be amended to eliminate the reference to the DOJ.

DOT will still be required to check stolen vehicle records; only the specific method will be eliminated.

Enactment of these changes would have no fiscal impact on the DOT, or the Transportation Fund.

I would be more than happy to try and answer any questions.