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Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

I have not been able to identify the exact date that DOT converted to the new fire fighter and EMT special plates. I believe it occurred in the summer of 2007 for the fire fighter plates. In this draft, I have used a date of January 1, 2007 as a "safe" date that the old firefighter and EMT plates were still in use.

After DOT began issuing the new design for firefighter and EMT special plates, the legislature passed 2007 Wisconsin Act 38, effective December 25, 2007, which added first responders as a group for which special plates are available. (Act 38 lumped together first responders with EMTs.) DOT has not yet created a new special plate for first responders or added the word "first responders" to existing special plates previously issued to EMTs. It is my understanding that eventually DOT will issue a new plate for first responders, rather than adding first responders to the existing EMT plates or simply issuing first responders the current EMT plates. (DOT issues fire fighter plates to "rescue squad members" instead of creating a new plate for rescue squad members.) If DOT eventually decides to issue a joint plate for EMTs and first responders, this bill may need to be revised. I recommend that you consult with DOT on this issue.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "1" draft.

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