



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 246
[2009 Senate Bill 490]

**Registration Plates for Vehicles
Leased to Persons With a Disability
That Limits the Ability to Walk**

CURRENT LAW

Under current law, an owner of certain motor vehicles, including an automobile, registering the motor vehicle with the Department of Transportation (DOT) who submits a statement certifying that he or she is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk may receive special registration plates for the motor vehicle that entitle the person to certain parking privileges. For the purposes of the vehicle registration provisions, the term “owner” includes a lessee who leases a vehicle for a period of one year or more.

Also under current law, a state resident registering certain motor vehicles, including an automobile, with DOT who submits a statement certifying that the motor vehicle is leased to a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk may receive special registration plates for the motor vehicle that entitle the lessee to certain parking privileges. DOT, however, may not issue plates under this latter provision after January 1, 1998.

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Under 2009 Wisconsin Act 246:

- The provision in current law allowing a person who leases a vehicle to a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk to obtain special registration plates entitling the person with a disability who leases the vehicle to certain parking privileges is repealed.
- The provision in current law allowing an owner to obtain special registration plates entitling the owner, if he or she has a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, to certain parking privileges is unchanged.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.