



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 195**  
[2009 Senate Bill 17]

**Registration Plates for Certain  
Vehicles Owned by Members of the  
Wisconsin National Guard**

### **CURRENT LAW**

Under current law, state residents who are members or retired members of the National Guard may obtain, for automobiles and certain other vehicles that they own or lease, special distinguishing registration plates that display the words “Wisconsin guard member” (National Guard special plates).

### **2009 WISCONSIN ACT 195**

2009 Wisconsin Act 195 specifies that:

- If an applicant for initial issuance of National Guard special plates identifies himself or herself as a member or former member of a Wisconsin National Guard Unit identified by the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) (see below), the Department of Transportation (DOT) must provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of these special plates, a decal (sticker) that includes a symbol associated with the unit of which the applicant is or was a member and the instructions for placement of the decal on the special plate.
- An applicant for **renewal of registration** of National Guard special plates may also receive this sticker if the sticker was not previously provided to the applicant by DOT. If the applicant has to be issued **new registration plates**, DOT must provide a decal to the applicant to be affixed to one of these plates.
- The DOT must charge a fee of \$20 for each decal provided to an applicant.
- There is emergency rule-making for the DMA relating to designating the applicable units.

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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/>.

**Effective date:** The general effective date of 2009 Wisconsin Act 195 is **September 1, 2010**. However, the new provisions of the Act relating to the emergency rule-making took effect on May 6, 2010; and the emergency rule-making must be promulgated no later than September 1, 2010. The emergency rules may stay in effect until July 1, 2011, or the date on which permanent rules take effect, whichever is sooner.

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