



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 340
[2009 Senate Bill 619]

**Celebrate Children Special
Distinguishing Registration Plates**

Under *current law*, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation 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, which are owned or leased by special group members. Current law recognizes as an authorized special group, persons interested in obtaining special plates with the words “Celebrate Children” on them to show support for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. To obtain these “Celebrate Children” special plates, a person must pay the regular registration fee for the vehicle, a \$15 issuance fee whenever new plates are issued, and an annual fee of \$20. The \$20 annual fee is deposited in a fund established and maintained by a nonprofit corporation (corporation) created by the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (Board).

This annual fee may be used only for certain purposes, including funding programs and projects that the Board contracts with the corporation to administer.

2009 Wisconsin Act 340 increases the annual fee for these “Celebrate Children” special plates *from \$20 to \$25.*

Effective date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 340 takes effect on August 1, 2010.

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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/>.