



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 851

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current Law

Under current law, a group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for designation as an authorized special group for purposes of obtaining special distinguishing license plates. A fee in addition to the regular registration fee is charged for those plates. Currently, several special groups for persons associated with the armed forces are statutorily enumerated as eligible to obtain special plates.

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As introduced, the bill would require DOT to prepare a *decal* meeting specifications in the bill and containing the words “woman veteran”, which could be affixed to any of special plates associated with the armed forces. The decal would be available free of charge.

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Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 instead establishes an authorized special group for women veterans and requires DOT to create a *license plate* with the words “woman veteran”. According to DOT, creating the license plate is less costly than designing and producing the decal called for in the bill. There is a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plate, in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. All moneys received in excess of the initial production costs of the plate or \$23,700, whichever is less, are to be deposited in the Veterans Trust Fund. The substitute amendment has a 13-month delayed effective date.

Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 (ASA1) was introduced by Representative Sinicki. On April 15, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs adopted ASA1, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

On April 20, 2010, the Assembly adopted ASA1 and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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