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(session year)

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Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources

Senate Bill 307

Relating to: special distinguishing registration plates associated with the Lions Clubs of Wisconsin and making an appropriation.

By Senators Lazich, Sullivan, Schultz, Lassa, Coggs and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr., Nerison, Honadel, Zepnick, Milroy and Jorgensen.

September 24, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

October 15, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Mary Lazich — 28th Senate District
- Evett Hartvig — Wisconsin Lions Foundation
- Ed Hida, Wauwatosa — Wisconsin Lions Club

Appearances Against

- Carson Frazier — Wisconsin DOT

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Heidi Hida, Wauwatosa — West Allis Central Lions Club
- David Cullen — 13th Assembly District
- Dale Schroeder — Wisconsin Lions Foundation
- Dan Gaeu — Wisconsin Lions Club
- Dan Eberhardt Jr — Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director
- Tom Clausen — Wisconsin Lions Foundation
- Doris Dolph, Pewaukee
- Robert Kratz — Wisconsin Lions Foundation
- Larry Blahauvietz — Wisconsin Lions Foundation
- Denise Mehlretter — Cambridge Area Lions Club
- Don Mehlretter — Cambridge Area Lions Club
- Fred Yeadon — Cambridge Area Lions Club

- Andrea Yenter — Wisconsin Lions Camp

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

January 14, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Sullivan that **Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Sullivan that **Senate Bill 307** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham and Kedzie.

Noes: (1) Senator Grothman.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

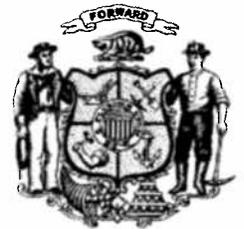
Elizabeth Novak
Committee Clerk

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Joint committee on Finance
Senate Bill 307



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



October 14, 2009

To: Senate Transportation Committee members

Re: SB #307

We ask each of you to support Senate Bill 307 to establish a Wisconsin Lion license plate. The availability of this license plate can and will provide funds to our Wisconsin Lions Foundation so 1500 Wisconsin citizens (primarily children) per year can continue to improve their lives and futures. Inflation is crimping our ability to raise enough money through other fund-raising efforts to continue to provide these services.

Our WLF Lions Camp at Rosholt provides camping experiences to sight-impaired, heard-of-hearing and mildly cognitively disabled individuals who cannot go to any other camp of it's sort because of their disabilities. Those who have this camping experience feel much better of themselves, as they learn that they, and others who have similar disabilities, can do things they never could before. The present director of our Lions Camp, an almost deaf person, had this experience and would not have had the self-esteem needed to have this type of a position, had she not gone through it.

Wisconsin Lions, through their local Lions clubs, are providing many other services to help the unfortunate, such as childhood vision screening, diabetes education, Leader Dogs, and eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy. Clubs throughout the state are also providing many services to improve their communities, such as parks, athletic facilities, community centers, etc.

Your support of this bill will help us, as Lions, in our mission to reach, touch and improve lives.

Lions Dan and Sally Gaeu
111 17th St S
Hudson, WI 54016



Novak, Elizabeth

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 9:30 AM
To: Novak, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Lions plate

From: Larry Blahauvietz [mailto:lblahau@sirentel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 9:19 PM
To: Sen.Holperin
Subject: Lions plate

Dear Sen. Holperin:

The Lions of Wisconsin, about 20,000 strong, encourage your committee to pass the bill allowing a Lions license plate. This would be helpful to our Wisconsin Lions Foundation, which provides services to children with disabilities through our Lions Camp. The Lions clubs provide services to communities throughout the state where clubs are located. My club, the Siren Lions Club of Siren, Wisconsin provided donations and services of \$38,000 from July 1 2008 through June 30, 2009. Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

Lion Larry Blahauvietz
Siren, Wisconsin

Novak, Elizabeth

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 11:52 AM
To: Novak, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: [Possible Spam] Please Support License Plate Bill SB307
Importance: Low

From: Cambridge Lions [mailto:cambridgelions@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 11:47 AM
To: Sen.Holperin; Sen.Sullivan; Sen.plale@legis..wisconsin.gov; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Grothman
Subject: [Possible Spam] Please Support License Plate Bill SB307
Importance: Low

Dear Senators:

I am a member of Cambridge Wisconsin Area Lions Club and I ask you to support License Plate Bill SB307.

As a Lion volunteer, I am proud of the opportunity to provide local service to my community supporting those in need, while making a global impact through Lions International.

I would appreciate the opportunity to display my Lion association on a Wisconsin license plate.

Sincerely

Don Mehlretter
Cambridge Area Lions Club
Secretary 2009-2010
N4404 Mehlretter Ln
Cambridge, WI 53523
cambridgelions@yahoo.com

Novak, Elizabeth

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 12:03 PM
To: Novak, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: [Possible Spam] RE: Please Support License Plate Bill SB307
Importance: Low

From: villaripley [mailto:villaripley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 12:03 PM
To: Sen.Holperin; Sen.Sullivan; Sen.plale@legis..wisconsin.gov; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Grothman
Subject: [Possible Spam] RE: Please Support License Plate Bill SB307
Importance: Low

Dear Senators:

I am a member of the Cambridge Wisconsin Area Lions Club and I ask you to support License Plate Bill SB307.

As a Lion volunteer, I am proud of the opportunity to provide local service to my community supporting those in need, while making a global impact through Lions International.

I would welcome the opportunity to display my Lion association on a Wisconsin license plate.

Sincerely;

Denise Mehlretter
Cambridge Area Lions Club
Treasurer 2009-2010
N4404 Mehlretter Ln
Cambridge, WI 53523
villaripley@yahoo.com

Novak, Elizabeth

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 9:39 AM
To: Novak, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Lions License Plate

From: Tom Clausen [mailto:tomandbetty@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 9:07 AM
To: Sen.Holperin
Subject: Lions License Plate

The Lions Clubs have been active in Wisconsin close to ninety years. We are the largest service club in the world. Wisconsin has roughly 22,000 Lions that serve their communities, the state, the nation and the world. We also have one of the best Lions Camps for special people which we are extremely proud. Please support this bill to allow Lions to show their pride on Wisconsin highways.

Tom Clausen, Past District Governor
Immediate Past President
Wisconsin Lions Foundation

Novak, Elizabeth

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 9:40 AM
To: Novak, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: [Possible Spam] Wisc. Lions Plate Bill SB 307
Importance: Low

From: Bob Kratz [mailto:rekratz@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 5:53 PM
To: Sen.Holperin; Sen.Sullivan; Sen.Plale; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Leibham; Sen.kedzie@legis.wisconsin.gov;
Sen.Grothnam@legis.wisconsin.gov
Subject: [Possible Spam] Wisc. Lions Plate Bill SB 307
Importance: Low

Senators;

I am e-mailing you to ask that you support Lincense Plate Bill SB 307.

The revenue gained for the Wisconsin Lions Foundation would be used in a manner that many individuals with sight, hearing, cognitively and diabetes impaired would benefit activities at the Lions camp free of charge.

Thanking you in advance for your suppoet

Lion Robert Kratz
Lions Region 4 Zone 1
Chairperson

Novak, Elizabeth

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 9:40 AM
To: Novak, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Lions license plate

From: Doris Dolph [mailto:doris@jamesvalentine.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 9:02 PM
To: Sen.Holperin
Subject: Lions license plate

Please support a license plate for the Lions Clubs of Wisconsin. Every cent earned will help support the Lions Camp which offers camping experience, free of charge, to children who are blind, hard of hearing, or otherwise disabled.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Lion Doris Dolph
Pewaukee, WI



Senate Public Hearing; Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry & Natural Resources
Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, 10 am
State Capital, 330 Southwest
Senate Bill 307

Chairman HOLPERIN and members of the committee:

My name is Ed Hida, Member of the West Allis Central Lions Club and a resident of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

First of all, I thank you for the speedy scheduling of our important bill, since it was introduced only 9 days ago.

I am here to speak in support of the proposal to establish a special Lions Club License Plate in Wisconsin and would encourage the committee, the legislature and the Governor to act similarly.

In the time available I would like to tell you briefly about the Lions: Worldwide, there are more than 1.4 million men and women in 45,000 clubs in 205 countries. It is the largest service club in the world. In Wisconsin, there are 562 Lions Clubs with more than 20,000 members, all of whom give back to their communities through such efforts as the Lions Camp for blind and disabled children located in Rosholt, Wisconsin, the Lions Eye Bank, Lions eradication of blindness programs, the Lions eye glass recycling program, the Lions hearing aid project, the Lions diabetic prevention program and countless Lions youth programs.

Proceeds from sale of the plates, after the developmental costs are paid, will go directly to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

Your support would not only be appreciated by the Lions but more so by the thousands of Wisconsin citizens who are helped.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ed Hida
West Allis Central Lions Club
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Wauwatosa, WI 53213
(P) 414-453-1224
(F) 414-454-0425
idlewoodhh@aol.com



Hello Sen. Lazich,

Date?

I will not be able to attend but would like to submit this statement.

I am a Lion member. I am happy to help the less fortunate in my community and in Wisconsin. I would like to show that I am a Lion member and the volunteerism that being a Lion represents. I would like to display my volunteerism through a Wisconsin License Plate that incorporates the Lion logo. I respectfully request that you lend your full support to SB 307 (Lions License Plate) which will come before the Senate Transportation Com. on Thursday, Oct. 15. Thank you.

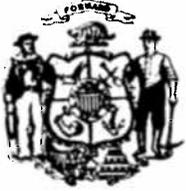
Sincerely,

Lion Dan Eberhardt Jr
Franklin Lion
Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





State of Wisconsin
2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

W/Notes

LRB-3143/1
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2009 BILL 307

- Statewide membership: 562 clubs, 20,000 members
- Est. proportion who will buy plates: ?
- Start-up costs $\frac{25}{23,700}$ 948 sold or renewed to break even...

1 AN ACT to amend 341.14 (6r) (c) and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and to create 20.395
 2 (5) (eq), 85.109, 341.14 (6r) (b) 14. and 341.14 (6r) (f) 61. of the statutes;
 3 relating to: special distinguishing registration plates associated with the
 4 Lions Clubs of Wisconsin and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) 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, that are owned or leased by special group members. A fee, in addition to the regular registration fee for the particular kind of vehicle, is charged for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special plates were specifically enumerated in state law. With certain exceptions, current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

This bill establishes an authorized special group specifically enumerated in state law for persons interested in obtaining special plates supporting the Lions Clubs of Wisconsin. In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates and a \$25 annual fee that provides funds to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. The bill requires DOT to enter into an agreement with the Lions of Wisconsin,

↓ one time...