



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 188
[2013 Assembly Bill 244]

**Registration Plates Displaying the
Words "In God We Trust"**

2013 Wisconsin Act 188 creates a process for the development of vehicle license plates displaying the words "In God We Trust". Under the Act, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must develop the plates only if it receives sufficient contributions from interested individuals by June 30, 2017, to cover the DOT's estimated costs of production. If the plates are produced, DOT must charge, in addition to the regular registration fee, a \$15 fee for the issuance or reissuance of the special plates, and a \$25 annual payment. The \$25 annual payment is to be directed to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to be used for the care of the members of the Wisconsin veterans homes.

If DOT does not receive sufficient contributions by this date, DOT will not develop the plates and must promptly return to each contributor his or her contributions, minus up to \$2.50 to cover the costs associated with returning the contributions.

If DOT receives sufficient contributions by the deadline, it will begin issuing "In God We Trust" plates to persons who request them, and directing the \$25 annual fee associated with each plate to DVA for the care of the members of the Wisconsin veterans homes.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.