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CHAPTER 332

AN ACT to amend 341.14 (1) 346.50 (2); and to create 341.14 (1a) and 346.50 (2a) of the statutes, relating to automobile parking privileges, in municipalities, for certain disabled persons.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 341.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (1) Whenever any resident of this state who is registering or has registered his automobile submits a statement * * * from the U. S. veterans administration certifying to the department that by reason of injuries sustained while in the wartime military service of the United States he is disabled by *paraplegia*, amputation of leg, foot, both hands or if he is disabled by loss of use of a leg, foot, or both hands, minimum faulty vision of 20/200 or other condition certified to by the veterans administration resulting in an equal degree of disability (specifying the particular condition) so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to him, plates of a special design in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile.

The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the automobile is owned by a disabled * * * *veteran* and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of such plates.

SECTION 2. 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (1a) Whenever any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered his automobile, submits a statement from a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in this state certifying to the department that he is disabled by paraplegia, amputation of leg, foot or both hands or if he is disabled by loss of use of a leg, foot or both hands, minimum faulty vision of 20/200 or other condition certified to by a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in this state resulting in an equal degree of disability (specifying the particular condition) so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to him, plates of a special design in lieu of plates which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the automobile is owned by a non-veteran disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance of such plates.

SECTION 3. 346.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2) An automobile bearing special registration plates issued * * * *under s. 341.14 (1) * * ** is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. *Where the time limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.* Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the * * * *disabled veteran* to whom the special plates were issued and to qualified operators acting under his express direction with the disabled * * * *veteran* present.

SECTION 4. 346.50 (2a) of the statutes is created to read:

346.50 (2a) An automobile bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a) is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required. Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the person to whom the special plates were issued and to qualified operators acting under his express direction with the disabled person present.

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