



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2003 Assembly Bill 427**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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Under **current law**, an owner of a motor vehicle that is of model year 1945 or earlier may register the vehicle as an antique vehicle. Antique vehicles may display a historical registration plate from or representing the model year of the vehicle but must carry current registration plates in the vehicle.

Also, under current law, an owner of a “collector” vehicle that is 20 or more years old may, under specified circumstances, register that vehicle as a collector vehicle for a one-time fee of twice the regular annual registration fee, plus a one-time processing fee of \$50. A “collector” vehicle is a motor vehicle that has not been changed from its original manufacturer’s specifications and which is being preserved for its historic interest. Vehicles registered as “collector” vehicles are issued distinctive registration plates and may be reregistered for no additional fee if, with an exception, the vehicle is not operated on the highways during the month of January.

**Assembly Bill 427** allows a motor vehicle registered as a “collector” vehicle to display historical Wisconsin registration plates from or representing the model year of the vehicle if the historical plates do not bear the same registration number as that assigned by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to any other currently registered vehicle. The owner of the vehicle must carry the current “collector” plates in the vehicle.

The bill also requires the owner to notify DOT of the historical plate’s registration number and requires DOT to record that number in the vehicle registration records maintained by DOT.

Also, the bill allows the display of historical registration plates on “collector” vehicles only if DOT receives, prior to June 30, 2005, contributions totaling at least \$40,900 from interested persons to cover DOT’s estimated costs of implementation and, if sufficient contributions are received, only after DOT has completed the development work necessary for implementation. If DOT does not receive sufficient contributions by June 30, 2005, DOT must return all contributions.

**Assembly Amendment 1** amends the bill so if DOT does not receive contributions totaling at least \$40,900 for the purpose of implementing the provisions of the bill by June 30, 2005, DOT may not commence development work to implement the bill and shall return to each contributor all contributions, *less a transaction fee of no more than \$2.50 per contributor for costs associated with the return of contributions.* [Emphasis added.]

**Legislative History**

On August 14, 2003, the Assembly Committee on Transportation introduced and recommended for adoption Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

The Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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