



2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 538

October 16, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, SCHNEIDER, PRIDEMORE, SHERIDAN, PETROWSKI, ZIEGELBAUER, A. OTT, ALBERS, TURNER, HONADEL, OWENS, HAHN, SUDER, BERCEAU and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators SULLIVAN, A. LASEE, ROESSLER, KREITLOW, SCHULTZ, LASSA and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 341.14 (6r) (b) 9., 341.14 (6r) (d) 1. and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and
2 **to create** 341.08 (2) (f), 341.14 (6m) (d), 341.14 (6r) (d) 3. and 341.14 (6r) (f) 49p.
3 of the statutes; **relating to:** special distinguishing registration plates for
4 groups that are military in nature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, members of authorized special groups may obtain special distinguishing registration plates for automobiles and certain other vehicles that are owned or leased by members of these groups. There are numerous special plates related to military service, military honors, and groups associated with a branch of the armed services. State residents who are members or retired members of the national guard may obtain special plates that display the words “Wisconsin guard member” (national guard special plates).

Under this bill, if an applicant for initial issuance of national guard special plates identifies himself or herself as a member or former member of the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must affix to each special plate two decals (stickers), one of which displays the words “Red Arrow” and the other of which displays the red arrow symbol associated with the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division. An applicant for renewal of registration of national guard special plates may also receive these stickers, free of charge, if these stickers were not previously affixed by DOT to the applicant’s national guard special plates.

This bill also establishes as an authorized special group members or former members of the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division. In addition to the regular

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vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates, which fee is mostly deposited in the veterans trust fund. These special plates must display the words “Red Arrow” and the red arrow symbol associated with the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 341.08 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

2 341.08 **(2)** (f) If the application is for registration of a vehicle under s. 341.14
3 (6m), an opportunity for the applicant to identify himself or herself as a member or
4 former member of the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division.

5 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6m) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

6 341.14 **(6m)** (d) 1. If an applicant for initial issuance of special plates under this
7 subsection identifies himself or herself in the application as a member or former
8 member of the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division, the department shall affix to
9 each plate issued under this subsection 2 decals related to the 32nd “Red Arrow”
10 Brigade or Division. One decal shall display only the words “Red Arrow.” The other
11 decal shall display only the red arrow symbol associated with the 32nd “Red Arrow”
12 Brigade or Division.

13 2. Upon receiving any application for renewal of registration of a vehicle for
14 which special plates have been issued under this subsection, if the applicant
15 identifies himself or herself in the application as a member or former member of the
16 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division and if the department has not previously
17 issued plates with decals affixed as provided under subd. 1. or 3., the department
18 shall provide decals described in subd. 1. to the applicant, free of charge, with
19 instructions for placement of the decals on the special plates.

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1 3. Notwithstanding subd. 2., upon receiving any application for renewal of
2 registration of a vehicle for which special plates have been issued under this
3 subsection, if the applicant identifies himself or herself in the application as a
4 member or former member of the 32nd "Red Arrow" Brigade or Division and if the
5 department is required under s. 341.135 (2) to issue new registration plates for the
6 vehicle, the department shall affix to the plates decals described in subd. 1.

7 4. This paragraph also applies to personalized registration plates issued under
8 s. 341.145 (1g) (a).

9 **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 9. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 9. A fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance
11 of a plate for a special group specified under par. (f) 1. to 19., 20. to 32., 49. to 49s.,
12 51., or 56. All moneys received under this subdivision in excess of the initial costs
13 of production of the special group plates under par. (f) 3m., 6m., 9g., 9m., 12g., 12m.,
14 49d., 49h., ~~49p.~~ 49s., and 56. or \$37,800, whichever is less, shall be deposited in the
15 veterans trust fund.

16 **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (6r) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.14 **(6r)** (d) 1. Subject to ~~subd.~~ subds. 2. and 3. and par. (c), the department
18 shall specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol
19 to be displayed upon special group plates for a group associated with a branch of the
20 armed services or a related organization after consultation with the appropriate
21 state or federal representative of that service or organization. Special group plates
22 for a group associated with a branch of the armed services or a related organization
23 shall be colored red, white and blue.

24 **SECTION 5.** 341.14 (6r) (d) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

