



2013 SENATE BILL 630

February 24, 2014 - Introduced by Senator PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representative SPIROS. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 341.15 (3) (a) and 341.265 (1m); and **to create** 341.266 (2) (dm)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** the display of historical registration plates on
3 collector vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides for a special category of vehicle registration for special interest vehicles, commonly known as “collector vehicles.” A vehicle may be eligible for registration as a collector vehicle if the vehicle is at least 20 years old, has not been altered, and is being preserved for its historic interest, or if the vehicle is, with an exception, at least 25 years old and is a certain type of former military vehicle. Vehicles registered as collector vehicles are issued two distinctive registration plates, commonly known as “collector plates,” that identify the vehicle as a collector vehicle and that display the vehicle owner’s collector identification number. A collector vehicle may be reregistered for no additional fee if, with an exception, the vehicle is not operated on the highways during the month of January.

Also 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 be driven only for special occasions such as display and parade purposes or for necessary testing, maintenance, and storage purposes. 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.

This bill allows the display, on collector vehicles manufactured before 1979, of one or two historical registration plates from or representing the model year of the

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vehicle if: 1) the vehicle is being operated to or from a car show or parade; and 2) any current registration plate issued for the vehicle and not displayed on the vehicle is carried in the vehicle.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 341.15 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.15 (3) (a) A person who operates a vehicle for which a current registration
3 plate, insert tag, decal or other evidence of registration has been issued without such
4 plate, tag, decal or other evidence of registration being attached to the vehicle, except
5 when such vehicle is being operated pursuant to a temporary operation permit or
6 plate or displays a historical plate under s. 341.265 (1m) or 341.266 (2) (dm);

7 **SECTION 2.** 341.265 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.265 (1m) ~~-A-~~ Notwithstanding s. 341.15 (1), a person who registers an
9 antique motor vehicle under sub. (1) may furnish and display on the vehicle a
10 historical plate from or representing the model year of the vehicle if the registration
11 and plates issued by the department are simultaneously carried in or, with respect
12 to an antique motorcycle, with the vehicle and are available for inspection.

13 **SECTION 3.** 341.266 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

14 341.266 (2) (dm) 1. Notwithstanding s. 341.15 (1), and subject to subd. 2., a
15 person who registers under par. (a) a special interest vehicle manufactured before
16 1979 may furnish and display on the vehicle one or 2 historical plates from or
17 representing the model year of the vehicle if all of the following apply:

18 a. The special interest vehicle is being operated to or from a car show or parade.

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1 b. The registration, and any plate issued by the department for the vehicle
2 under par. (c) that is not displayed on the vehicle, is simultaneously carried in or,
3 with respect to a motorcycle, with the vehicle and is available for inspection.

4 2. If a person displays only one historical plate on a special interest vehicle
5 under subd. 1., the historical plate shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle.
6 Notwithstanding s. 341.15 (1), a special interest vehicle displaying a historical plate
7 is not required to display 2 registration plates.

8 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

9 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after
10 publication.

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