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2007 SENATE BILL 141

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 27.01 (7) (f) 1. to 4., 27.01 (7) (gm) 3., 27.01 (7) (gm) 4., 100.51
2 (5) (b) 1., 121.53 (4), 134.695 (2) (c), 167.31 (4) (cg) 5., 341.09 (1) (a), 341.09 (1)
3 (b), 341.09 (2) (a), 341.09 (2) (d), 341.09 (9), 341.11 (4), 341.12 (1), 341.12 (2),
4 341.13 (2), 341.13 (2r), 341.135 (2) (a) 1., 341.135 (2) (a) 2., 341.135 (2) (am),
5 341.135 (2) (e), 341.14 (1), 341.14 (1a), 341.14 (1m), 341.14 (1q), 341.14 (2),
6 341.14 (2m), 341.14 (5), 341.14 (6) (c), 341.14 (6) (d), 341.14 (6m) (a), 341.14 (6m)
7 (b), 341.14 (6r) (b) 1., 341.14 (6r) (b) 2., 341.14 (6r) (g), 341.14 (7), 341.145 (1g)
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9 (1r), 341.145 (2) (intro.), 341.145 (3), 341.145 (7), 341.145 (8), 341.15 (1) (intro.),
10 341.15 (1) (b), 341.15 (2), 341.16 (1) (a), 341.16 (1) (b), 341.16 (2), 341.16 (2m),
11 341.16 (3), 341.16 (4), 341.265 (1), 341.265 (1m), 341.266 (2) (a), 341.266 (2) (c),
12 341.266 (2) (d), 341.266 (2) (e) 3., 341.266 (3), 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.), 341.268
13 (2) (c), 341.268 (2) (d), 341.268 (2) (e) 3., 341.268 (3), 341.27 (3) (a), 341.27 (3)
14 (b), 341.28 (2) (intro.), 341.28 (2) (a), 341.28 (2) (b), 341.28 (3), 341.28 (4) (intro.),

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1 341.29 (2), 341.295 (3) (a), 341.295 (3) (b), 341.31 (1) (b) 5., 341.31 (4) (b), 341.31
2 (4) (c), 341.32 (1), 341.33 (2), 341.33 (3), 341.335 (1), 341.41 (8) (a), 341.47 (1)
3 (intro.), 341.47 (3), 341.51 (2), 341.53, 341.625 (1), 341.63 (3), 342.05 (5), 342.15
4 (4) (a), 342.15 (4) (b), 342.15 (4) (c), 342.34 (1) (c), 342.34 (2) (c), 343.51 (1),
5 344.45 (1), 344.55 (2), 346.50 (2), 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (2a) (a), 346.50 (2a)
6 (b), 346.50 (2a) (c), 346.50 (2a) (d), 346.50 (2a) (e), 346.50 (2a) (f), 346.50 (2a) (g),
7 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2) (a), 346.505 (2) (b), 346.505 (2) (c), 349.13
8 (1m) and 885.237 (2); and *to create* 85.57 and 341.15 (1g) of the statutes;
9 **relating to:** a single registration plate for motor vehicles registered with the
10 Department of Transportation and transfers from the transportation fund to
11 the general fund.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issues two registration plates for most motor vehicles. The owner of the motor vehicle is required to display one plate on the front of the vehicle and one plate on the rear of the vehicle.

This bill directs DOT to issue only one registration plate for each motor vehicle. With limited exceptions, the registration plate must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

Under current law, beginning on July 1, 2007, moneys may not be transferred from the transportation fund to any other fund.

The bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2008–09, the secretary of administration transfer from the transportation fund to the general fund an amount in each fiscal year equal to the savings realized in the change to a single registration plate for motor vehicles.

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:

12 **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (7) (f) 1. to 4. of the statutes are amended to read:

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1 27.01 (7) (f) 1. Except as provided in par. (gm), the fee for an annual vehicle
2 admission receipt is \$24.50 for each vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration plates
3 plate, except that no fee is charged for a receipt issued under s. 29.235 (6).

4 2. Except as provided in subds. 3. and 4. and par. (gm) 4., the fee for a daily
5 vehicle admission receipt is \$6.85 for any vehicle which has a Wisconsin registration
6 plates plate.

7 3. The fee for a daily vehicle admission receipt for a motor bus that has a
8 Wisconsin registration plates plate is \$9.85.

9 4. Notwithstanding subd. 3., the fee for a daily vehicle admission receipt for a
10 motor bus which primarily transports residents from nursing homes located in this
11 state is \$3.35, for any motor bus which has a Wisconsin registration plates plate.

12 **SECTION 2.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. Notwithstanding par. (f) 1., the fee for an annual vehicle
14 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration plates plate and that
15 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is \$9.50.

16 **SECTION 3.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. Notwithstanding par. (f) 2., the fee for a daily vehicle
18 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration plates plate and that
19 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is \$2.85.

20 **SECTION 4.** 85.57 of the statutes is created to read:

21 **85.57 Transfers from transportation fund to general fund.**
22 Notwithstanding s. 25.40 (3) (a), in fiscal year 2008-09, and in each fiscal year
23 thereafter, the secretary of administration shall transfer from the transportation
24 fund to the general fund an amount equal to the savings realized in that fiscal year

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1 by the department as a result of issuing a single registration plate for motor vehicles
2 under s. 341.12 (1) instead of 2 registration plates.

3 **SECTION 5.** 100.51 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 100.51 (5) (b) 1. The motor vehicle displays a special registration plates plate
5 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification card
6 issued under s. 343.51 or is a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and
7 displays a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction that
8 designates that the vehicle is used by a physically disabled person.

9 **SECTION 6.** 121.53 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 121.53 (4) Every school board shall require that there be filed with it and with
11 the department of transportation a certificate of insurance showing that an
12 insurance policy has been procured and is in effect which covers the owner and
13 operator of the school bus and the school board or shall procure an insurance policy
14 and file such certificate with the department of transportation. Unless such
15 certificate is on file with the department of transportation, no registration ~~plates~~
16 plate for a school bus may be issued by the department of transportation. No such
17 policy may be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason, unless
18 a notice thereof is filed with the department of transportation and with the school
19 board by the insurer at least 10 days prior to the date of termination or cancellation.
20 The department of transportation shall revoke the registration of a school bus on
21 which the policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of termination
22 or cancellation.

23 **SECTION 7.** 134.695 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 134.695 (2) (c) The registration plate ~~numbers~~ number and the color, make,
2 model and year of any motor vehicle delivering the used home furnishings to the
3 antique dealer or recycler.

4 **SECTION 8.** 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. The vehicle bears a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued
6 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1r) or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches
7 square on which is conspicuously written “disabled hunter”.

8 **SECTION 9.** 341.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.09 (1) (a) The department shall issue a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate
10 as provided under subs. (2), (2m) and (9) and may issue a temporary operation permit
11 or plate for an unregistered vehicle as otherwise provided under this section. Except
12 as provided in par. (b), the permits or ~~plates~~ plate shall contain the date of expiration
13 and sufficient information to identify the vehicle for which and the person to whom
14 it is issued. The department may place the information identifying the vehicle and
15 the person to whom the permit or plate is issued on a separate form. Except as
16 provided in subs. (3) to (5), a temporary operation plate issued under this section is
17 valid for a period of 90 days or until the applicant receives the regular registration
18 ~~plates~~ plate, whichever occurs first.

19 **SECTION 10.** 341.09 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.09 (1) (b) The department shall specify by rule the size, color, design, form
21 and specifications of temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an
22 ~~automobile or motor truck~~ automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight
23 of 8,000 pounds or less, and the system to be used to identify the date of issuance of
24 such plates. All temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an
25 ~~automobile or motor truck~~ automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight

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1 of 8,000 pounds or less shall contain ~~a~~ registration ~~number~~ numbers composed of
2 letters or numbers.

3 **SECTION 11.** 341.09 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.09 (2) (a) Upon request therefor by a person who has made a verifiable
5 application for registration and paid the registration fee, the department shall issue
6 a temporary operation permit or plate if it appears that the person would otherwise
7 be unable to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the registration ~~plates~~
8 plate.

9 **SECTION 12.** 341.09 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.09 (2) (d) The department may issue a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate
11 for use on any vehicle except buses, for-hire vehicles and vehicles which are subject
12 to registration under the international registration plan if the state is a party to such
13 plan or vehicles which are subject to registration under s. 341.41 (9). The department
14 shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications of the plate. The
15 department shall charge a fee of \$3 for each temporary operation plate issued under
16 this subsection.

17 **SECTION 13.** 341.09 (9) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25,
18 is amended to read:

19 341.09 (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department
20 shall issue a temporary operation plate or a temporary permit without charge for an
21 automobile or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less upon
22 receipt of a complete application accompanied by the required fee for registration of
23 the vehicle, including evidence of any inspection under s. 110.20 when required, if
24 the department does not immediately issue the regular registration ~~plates~~ plate for

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1 the vehicle and the department determines that the applicant has not otherwise
2 been issued a temporary operation plate or a temporary permit under this section.

3 **SECTION 14.** 341.11 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.11 (4) In the case of a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight for
5 which a special registration plates have plate has been issued under s. 341.14 (2), (6),
6 (6m) or (6r) or for which a personalized registration plates have plate has been issued
7 under s. 341.145, or any motor bus, motor home, dual purpose motor home, motor
8 truck, truck tractor or road tractor, the certificate of registration shall be displayed
9 in a prominent place in the driver's compartment of the vehicle to which the
10 certificate refers. Any person who operates and any person in whose name the
11 vehicle is registered who consents to the operation of any such vehicle without the
12 certificate of registration being so displayed may be required to forfeit not more than
13 \$200.

14 **SECTION 15.** 341.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.12 (1) The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to s. 341.25 or
16 341.30 shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant ~~2 registration plates for an~~
17 ~~automobile, motor truck, motor bus, school bus, self-propelled recreational vehicle~~
18 ~~or dual purpose motor home and one plate for other vehicles.~~ The department upon
19 ~~registering a vehicle pursuant to any other section shall issue one plate unless the~~
20 ~~department determines that 2 plates will better serve the interests of law~~
21 ~~enforcement~~ one registration plate.

22 **SECTION 16.** 341.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.12 (2) The department shall purchase plates from the Waupun
24 Correctional Institution unless otherwise approved by the governor. Subject to any
25 specific requirements which may be imposed by statute, the department shall

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1 determine the size, color and design of any registration ~~plates~~ plate with a view
2 toward making ~~them~~ the plate visible evidence of the period for which the vehicle is
3 registered and the fee class into which the vehicle falls as well as making ~~them~~ the
4 plate a ready means of identifying the specific vehicle or owner for which the ~~plates~~
5 ~~were~~ plate was issued.

6 **SECTION 17.** 341.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.13 (2) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration
8 ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight except a dual purpose
9 motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual purpose farm truck
10 registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (1r) (a), (2), (6m), or (6r) or 341.145 (1)
11 (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under
12 s. 341.14 (6) shall indicate the weight class into which the vehicle falls in a manner
13 prescribed by the department. The gross weight which determines the registration
14 fee for a dual purpose motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual
15 purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (1r) (a), (2), (6m),
16 or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck
17 registered under s. 341.14 (6) shall be shown on its certificate of registration.

18 **SECTION 18.** 341.13 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.13 (2r) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration
20 ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32. shall display the words
21 “combat-wounded veteran.” The department shall specify one combination of colors
22 and design for a plate issued under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32., except that the department
23 may not specify the colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in
24 writing by the department of veterans affairs.

25 **SECTION 19.** 341.135 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.135 (2) (a) 1. Beginning with registrations initially effective on
2 July 1, 2000, upon receipt of a completed application to initially register a vehicle
3 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), except s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53.,
4 54., or 55., or s. 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a)
5 1. or (am), the department shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant 2 one new
6 registration plates plate of the design established under sub. (1).

7 **SECTION 20.** 341.135 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.135 (2) (a) 2. Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3), beginning with registrations
9 initially effective on July 1, 2010, upon receipt of a completed application to initially
10 register a vehicle under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), or s.
11 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am), or to
12 renew the registration of a vehicle under those sections for which a registration plate
13 has not been issued during the previous 10 years, the department shall issue and
14 deliver prepaid to the applicant 2 one new registration plates plate of the design
15 established for that 10-year period under sub. (1).

16 **SECTION 21.** 341.135 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.135 (2) (am) Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3) and (3m), beginning with
18 registrations initially effective on July 1, 2000, upon receipt of a completed
19 application to renew the registration of a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a),
20 (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), except s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or 55., or s. 341.25
21 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) for which a registration plate of the design
22 established under sub. (1) has not been issued, the department may issue and deliver
23 prepaid to the applicant 2 one new registration plates plate of the design established
24 under sub. (1). This paragraph does not apply to any registration plates plate issued

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1 under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 52., 1997 stats. This paragraph does not apply after June 30,
2 2010.

3 **SECTION 22.** 341.135 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.135 (2) (e) The department shall issue a new registration ~~plates~~ plate of
5 the design established under sub. (1) for every vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (1),
6 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c),
7 or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am) after July 1, 2010.

8 **SECTION 23.** 341.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.14 (1) If any resident of this state who is registering or has registered an
10 automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck
11 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a
12 gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home submits a statement
13 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from the U.S. department of
14 veterans affairs certifying to the department that the resident is, by reason of
15 injuries sustained while in the active U.S. military service, a person with a disability
16 that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and
17 deliver to the veteran, ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate
18 which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate.
19 The ~~plates~~ plate shall be colored red, white, and blue and the department shall
20 consult the department of veterans affairs before specifying the design of the ~~plates~~
21 plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement
22 officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran and is entitled to
23 the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2). No charge in addition to the
24 registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of ~~such plates~~ the plate.

25 **SECTION 24.** 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.14 (1a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an
2 automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck
3 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a
4 gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, submits a statement
5 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to
6 practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice
7 nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any
8 state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a
9 Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian
10 Science journal certifying to the department that the resident is a person with a
11 disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure,
12 issue and deliver to the disabled person ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of
13 ~~plates~~ the plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the
14 ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law
15 enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a nonveteran disabled
16 person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge
17 in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of such
18 ~~plates~~ the plate.

19 **SECTION 25.** 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.14 (1m) If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once
21 every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice
22 medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing
23 in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state,
24 from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian
25 Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal

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1 certifying that another person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for
2 transportation is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk,
3 the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver ~~plates~~ a plate of a special
4 design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile
5 or motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross
6 weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more
7 than 12,000 pounds or motor home, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate
8 shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the
9 vehicle is operated by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly
10 dependent and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No
11 charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal
12 of the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub.
13 (1a).

14 **SECTION 26.** 341.14 (1q) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.14 (1q) If any employer who provides an automobile, or a motor truck, dual
16 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more
17 than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000
18 pounds or a motor home, for an employee's use submits to the department a
19 statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician
20 licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed
21 to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to
22 practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state
23 or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the
24 Christian Science journal certifying that the employee is a person with a disability
25 that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to

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1 such employer ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which
2 ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The
3 ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the
4 fact that the vehicle is operated by a disabled person and is entitled to the parking
5 privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee may
6 be made for the issuance or renewal of the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall
7 conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub. (1a).

8 **SECTION 27.** 341.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.14 (2) Upon compliance with the laws relating to registration of
10 automobiles and motor homes; motor trucks, dual purpose motor homes, and dual
11 purpose farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds; and
12 farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, including
13 payment of the prescribed registration fees therefor plus an additional fee of \$15
14 when a registration ~~plates are~~ plate is issued accompanied by an application showing
15 satisfactory proof that the applicant is the holder of an unexpired amateur radio
16 station license issued by the federal communications commission, the department
17 shall issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration
18 number, shall be inscribed in large legible form the call letters of such applicant as
19 assigned by the federal communications commission. The fee for reissuance of a
20 plate under this subsection shall be \$15.

21 **SECTION 28.** 341.14 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.14 (2m) Upon compliance with laws relating to registration of motor
23 vehicles, including payment of the prescribed fee, and an additional fee of \$15 when
24 the original or new registration ~~plates are~~ plate is issued and accompanied by an
25 application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant has a collector's

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1 identification number as provided in s. 341.266 (2) (d), the department shall issue a
2 registration plates plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration number, shall be
3 inscribed the collector's identification number issued under s. 341.266 (2) (d). The
4 words "VEHICLE COLLECTOR" shall be inscribed across the lower or upper portion
5 of the plate at the discretion of the department. Additional registrations under this
6 subsection by the same collector shall bear the same collector's identification number
7 followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification. Registration plates issued under
8 this subsection shall expire annually.

9 **SECTION 29.** 341.14 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.14 (5) Upon application by any person awarded the congressional medal
11 of honor and submission of proper proof thereof, the department shall issue a special
12 plates plate so designed as to indicate such award. No charge whatever shall be made
13 for the issuance of such plates plate.

14 **SECTION 30.** 341.14 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.14 (6) (c) A person who maintains no more than one registration under this
16 subsection at one time shall not be charged a fee for registration of the vehicle or
17 issuance of the plates plate.

18 **SECTION 31.** 341.14 (6) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.14 (6) (d) For each additional vehicle, a person who maintains more than
20 one registration under this subsection at one time shall be charged a fee of \$15 for
21 issuance or reissuance of the plates plate in addition to the annual registration fee
22 for the vehicle. Except as provided in par. (c), a motor truck or dual purpose farm
23 truck registered under this subsection shall be registered under this paragraph.

24 **SECTION 32.** 341.14 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.14 **(6m)** (a) Upon application to register an automobile or a motor home,
2 or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home, or dual purpose farm truck which has
3 a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross
4 weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state
5 and a member or retired member of the national guard, the department shall issue
6 to the person a special plates plate whose colors and design shall be determined by
7 the department and which ~~have~~ has the words "Wisconsin guard member" placed on
8 the ~~plates~~ plate in the manner designated by the department. The department shall
9 consult with or obtain the approval of the adjutant general with respect to any word
10 or symbol used to identify the national guard. An additional fee of \$15 shall be
11 charged for the issuance or reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate. Registration plates issued
12 under this subsection shall expire annually.

13 **SECTION 33.** 341.14 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.14 **(6m)** (b) Except as provided in par. (c), if an individual in possession of
15 a special plates plate under this subsection or of a personalized plates plate under
16 s. 341.145 (1) (b) does not maintain membership in the national guard during a year
17 which is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~
18 plate in a manner prescribed by the department.

19 **SECTION 34.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 1. Upon application to register an automobile or motor home,
21 or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a
22 gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross weight
23 of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a
24 member of an authorized special group, the department shall issue to the person a
25 special plates plate whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle is owned

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1 by a person who is a member of the applicable special group. The department may
2 not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 55. until 6 months after the
3 department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that
4 any approvals required for use of any logo, trademark, trade name or other
5 commercial symbol designating the professional football team have been obtained.

6 **SECTION 35.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or
8 reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate for special groups specified under par. (f), except that
9 no additional fee may be charged under this subdivision for the issuance or
10 reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate for special groups specified under par. (f) 1. to 32., 49.
11 to 49s., 51., or 56.

12 **SECTION 36.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.14 (6r) (g) If an individual in possession of a special ~~plates~~ plate under par.
14 (f) 33., 34. or 48. or of a personalized ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same
15 color and design as a special ~~plates~~ plate under par. (f) 33., 34. or 48. does not
16 maintain membership in the applicable authorized special group during a year that
17 is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~ plate
18 in a manner prescribed by the department.

19 **SECTION 37.** 341.14 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.14 (7) The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for
21 a registration ~~plates~~ plate under sub. (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1q) relating to the
22 parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request
23 enforcement of s. 346.505.

24 **SECTION 38.** 341.145 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.145 (1g) (a) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~
2 plate under sub. (1) (b) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s.
3 341.14 (6m).

4 **SECTION 39.** 341.145 (1g) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.145 (1g) (b) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~
6 plate under sub. (1) (c) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s.
7 341.14 (6r).

8 **SECTION 40.** 341.145 (1g) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.145 (1g) (c) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~
10 plate under sub. (1) (d) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s.
11 341.14 (1).

12 **SECTION 41.** 341.145 (1g) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.145 (1g) (d) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~
14 plate under sub. (1) (e) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s.
15 341.14 (1a), (1m) or (1q).

16 **SECTION 42.** 341.145 (1g) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.145 (1g) (e) The department may issue a personalized registration ~~plates~~
18 plate under sub. (1) (f) to a person who qualifies for a special ~~plates~~ plate under s.
19 341.14 (6w).

20 **SECTION 43.** 341.145 (1r) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.145 (1r) In lieu of the procedure under s. 341.13 (2), the department may
22 issue a distinguishing ~~tags or decals for tag or decal for a~~ tag or decal for a personalized registration
23 ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight.

24 **SECTION 44.** 341.145 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.145 (2) (intro.) The department shall issue a personalized registration
2 plates plate only upon request and if:

3 **SECTION 45.** 341.145 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.145 (3) In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25
5 (1) (a), (c) or (j) or (2) or 341.26 (3) (a) 2. or (am), the applicant for a personalized
6 registration plate issued on an annual basis shall pay a fee of \$15 for the issuance
7 of the plate and \$15 in each succeeding year to maintain the plate. In addition to the
8 regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (b) or 341.26 (3) (a) 1., the
9 applicant for a personalized registration plate issued on a biennial basis shall pay
10 a fee of \$30 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued during the first year of the
11 biennial registration period or \$15 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued
12 during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. The fee to maintain a
13 personalized plate issued on a biennial basis is \$30. The fee for reissuance of a
14 personalized plate shall be \$15 for an annual registration and \$30 for a biennial
15 registration. An applicant for a personalized ~~plates~~ plate issued under sub. (1) (b)
16 or (c) shall not be required to pay the fee for initial issuance of the ~~plates~~ plate.

17 **SECTION 46.** 341.145 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.145 (7) The department may refuse to issue any combination of letters or
19 numbers, or both, which may carry connotations offensive to good taste or decency,
20 or which would be misleading, or in conflict with the issuance of any other
21 registration ~~plates~~ plate. All decisions of the department with respect to
22 personalized registration plate applications shall be final and not subject to judicial
23 review under ch. 227.

24 **SECTION 47.** 341.145 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.145 (8) The department may cancel and order the return of any
2 personalized registration plates ~~plates~~ plate issued which ~~contain~~ contains any
3 combination of letters or numbers, or both, which the department determines may
4 carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or which may be misleading.
5 Any person ordered to return ~~such plates~~ a plate under this subsection shall either
6 be reimbursed for any additional fees they paid for the ~~plates~~ plate for the
7 registration year in which they are recalled, or be given at no additional cost a
8 replacement personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate, the issuance of which is in
9 compliance with the statutes. A person who fails to return a personalized
10 registration ~~plates~~ plate upon request of the department may be required to forfeit
11 not more than \$200.

12 **SECTION 48.** 341.15 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.15 (1) (intro.) ~~Whenever 2 registration plates are issued for a vehicle, one~~
14 ~~plate shall be attached to the front and one to the rear of the vehicle. Whenever only~~
15 one registration plate is issued for a vehicle, the plate shall be attached as follows:

16 **SECTION 49.** 341.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.15 (1) (b) For any other vehicle ~~for which only one plate is issued~~, to the
18 rear, except that a plate issued to or for a municipality under s. 341.26 (2m) may be
19 attached to the front of the vehicle if the design or use of the vehicle is such as to make
20 a plate attached to the rear difficult to see and read.

21 **SECTION 50.** 341.15 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

22 341.15 (1g) The owner of any vehicle for which 2 registration plates were issued
23 before the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date], may remove and
24 destroy one registration plate from the vehicle but is not required to do so until such
25 time as the department issues a new plate upon the renewal of registration of the

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1 vehicle. If a person removes and destroys one plate, the remaining plate must comply
2 with the requirements of sub. (1).

3 **SECTION 51.** 341.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.15 (2) ~~Registration plates~~ A registration plate shall be attached firmly and
5 rigidly in a horizontal position and conspicuous place. The ~~plates~~ plate shall at all
6 times be maintained in a legible condition and shall be so displayed that ~~they~~ it can
7 be readily and distinctly seen and read. Any peace officer may require the operator
8 of any vehicle on which ~~plates are~~ a plate is not properly displayed to display ~~such~~
9 ~~plates~~ the plate as required by this section.

10 **SECTION 52.** 341.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.16 (1) (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the
12 owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the
13 department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon
14 satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of
15 \$2 for ~~each~~ the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

16 **SECTION 53.** 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.16 (1) (b) Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a special plate
18 issued under s. 341.14 (6m) (a), (6r) (b), or (6w) or a special personalized plate issued
19 under s. 341.145 (1) (b), (c), or (f) and upon payment of a fee of \$5 for ~~each~~ the plate
20 or, if the plate is for a special group specified under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 35. to 47. or 53.,
21 \$6 for ~~each~~ the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

22 **SECTION 54.** 341.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.16 (2) Whenever a current registration plate becomes illegible, the owner
24 of the vehicle to which the plate is attached shall apply to the department for a
25 replacement. Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon receipt of satisfactory proof of

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1 illegibility, and upon payment of a fee of \$2 for each the plate, the department shall
2 issue a replacement. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy
3 the illegible plate.

4 **SECTION 55.** 341.16 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.16 (2m) Upon request therefor and payment of a fee of \$10, the department
6 may issue an applicant for a replacement ~~plates~~ plate for an automobile registered
7 pursuant to the registration system under s. 341.27 a registration ~~plates~~ plate of the
8 design specified in s. 341.13 for the plate issuance cycle next succeeding the cycle
9 under which the original ~~plates were~~ plate was issued. The department may limit
10 the receipt of requests under this subsection to applicants for a renewal registration
11 of a motor vehicle.

12 **SECTION 56.** 341.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.16 (3) When issuing a replacement plate, the department may assign a
14 new number and issue a new plate rather than a duplicate of the original if in its
15 judgment that is in the best interests of economy or prevention of fraud. Upon receipt
16 of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy ~~all plates~~ the plate replaced.

17 **SECTION 57.** 341.16 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.16 (4) Any person issued a replacement ~~plates~~ plate who fails to destroy
19 the original ~~plates~~ plate as required by sub. (2) or (3) may be required to forfeit not
20 more than \$200.

21 **SECTION 58.** 341.265 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.265 (1) Any person who is a resident of this state and the owner or
23 subsequent transferee of a motor vehicle which has a model year of 1945 or earlier
24 and which has not been altered or modified from the original manufacturer's
25 specifications may upon application register the same as an antique vehicle upon

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1 payment of a fee of \$5, and be furnished ~~a registration plates~~ plate of a distinctive
2 design, in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~ plate, which shall show in addition to
3 the registration number that the vehicle is an antique. The registration shall be
4 valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any
5 additional fee. The vehicle shall only be used for special occasions such as display
6 and parade purposes or for necessary testing, maintenance and storage purposes.
7 A motorcycle may be registered as an antique vehicle if all of the requirements for
8 registration specified in this subsection are satisfied.

9 **SECTION 59.** 341.265 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

15 **SECTION 60.** 341.266 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 341.266 **(2)** (a) Any person who is the owner of a special interest vehicle that
17 is 20 or more years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer
18 of title of the vehicle and who, unless the owner is an historical society that is exempt
19 from federal income taxes, owns, has registered in this state, and uses for regular
20 transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration plates plate may
21 upon application register the vehicle as a special interest vehicle upon payment of
22 a fee under par. (b).

23 **SECTION 61.** 341.266 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.266 **(2)** (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a
25 registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~

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1 ~~plate~~, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a special interest
2 vehicle owned by a Wisconsin collector. Upon application, the owner may reregister
3 the vehicle without the payment of any additional fee.

4 **SECTION 62.** 341.266 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.266 (2) (d) Each collector applying for a special interest vehicle registration
6 ~~plates~~ plate will be issued a collector's identification number which will appear on
7 each the plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the
8 same collector will bear the same collector's identification number followed by a
9 suffix letter for vehicle identification.

10 **SECTION 63.** 341.266 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.266 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no special interest vehicle
12 may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January unless
13 the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the
14 distinctive registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under par. (c) with a regular registration
15 ~~plates~~ plate or transfers a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the vehicle.

16 **SECTION 64.** 341.266 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.266 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first
18 time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original collector's
19 special interest vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate and to ensure that each collector will
20 be issued only one collector's identification number.

21 **SECTION 65.** 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) Any person who is the owner of a reconstructed, replica,
23 street modified or homemade vehicle and who owns, has registered in this state and
24 uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration
25 ~~plates~~ plate may upon application register the vehicle as a reconstructed, replica,

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1 street modified or homemade vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b), provided
2 that the vehicle is one of the following:

3 **SECTION 66.** 341.268 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.268 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a
5 registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~
6 plate, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a reconstructed,
7 replica, street modified or homemade vehicle owned by a Wisconsin hobbyist. Upon
8 application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any
9 additional fee.

10 **SECTION 67.** 341.268 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.268 (2) (d) Each hobbyist applying for a reconstructed, replica, street
12 modified or homemade vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate will be issued a hobbyist's
13 identification number which will appear on ~~each~~ the plate. Second and all
14 subsequent registrations under this section by the same hobbyist will bear the same
15 hobbyist's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification.

16 **SECTION 68.** 341.268 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.268 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no reconstructed, replica,
18 street modified or homemade vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state
19 during the month of January unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle
20 under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under
21 par. (c) with a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate or transfers a regular registration
22 ~~plates~~ plate to the vehicle.

23 **SECTION 69.** 341.268 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.268 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first
25 time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original hobbyist's

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1 reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate
2 and to ensure that each hobbyist will be issued only one hobbyist's identification
3 number.

4 **SECTION 70.** 341.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.27 (3) (a) If the applicant holds a current registration ~~plates~~ plate
6 that was removed from an automobile that the applicant no longer owns or that has
7 been junked, is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special
8 interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified
9 or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued
10 under the system of registration prescribed by this section, the department shall
11 register the automobile which is the subject of the application for the remainder of
12 the unexpired registration period.

13 **SECTION 71.** 341.27 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.27 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate
15 under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original
16 rather than renewal application, the department may register the automobile which
17 is the subject of the application for such period or part thereof as the secretary
18 determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the
19 department.

20 **SECTION 72.** 341.28 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.28 (2) (intro.) If the applicant for registration holds a current registration
22 ~~plates which were~~ plate that was removed from an automobile which the applicant
23 no longer owns or which has been junked, is no longer being used on the highways
24 or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a
25 reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a),

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1 and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued under the system of registration prescribed by
2 s. 341.27, the applicant is exempt from the payment of a registration fee, except in
3 the following cases:

4 **SECTION 73.** 341.28 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.28 (2) (a) If the annual fee prescribed for the automobile being registered
6 is higher than the annual fee prescribed for the automobile from which the ~~plates~~
7 were plate was removed, the applicant shall pay a fee computed on the basis of
8 one-twelfth of the difference between the 2 annual fees multiplied by the number of
9 months for which the automobile which is the subject of the application is being
10 registered. The start of the new registration, for the purpose of computing the fee,
11 shall be determined in accordance with sub. (7).

12 **SECTION 74.** 341.28 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.28 (2) (b) If the automobile which is the subject of the application was
14 owned by the applicant at any time during the month in which the transfer,
15 termination of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking
16 or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) of the other automobile
17 occurred and was not currently registered at the time of such transfer, termination
18 of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking or registration
19 under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a), the applicant shall pay a fee to be computed
20 as provided in subs. (3) to (5) but shall receive a credit for the unused portion of the
21 current registration. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the
22 annual fee paid for the vehicle from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed
23 multiplied by the number of months remaining in the registration period
24 represented by the removed ~~plates~~ plate, including the month during which the
25 applicant transferred, discontinued to use on the highways, junked or registered

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1 under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) or terminated the consumer lease of the
2 automobile from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed.

3 **SECTION 75.** 341.28 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.28 (3) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate
5 under the circumstances described in sub. (2) and the automobile which is the subject
6 of the application has not previously been registered in this state by the applicant,
7 the fee payable by the applicant shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the
8 annual fee multiplied by the number of months for which the automobile is being
9 registered, the start of such registration period to be determined in accordance with
10 sub. (7).

11 **SECTION 76.** 341.28 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.28 (4) (intro.) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~
13 plate under the circumstances described in sub. (2) but the automobile which is the
14 subject of the application has previously been registered in this state by the
15 applicant, the applicant shall pay a fee covering all the time since the end of the
16 period for which the automobile previously was registered unless:

17 **SECTION 77.** 341.29 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.29 (2) If an application for registration of a vehicle subject to registration
19 on an annual or biennial basis is received less than 2 months prior to the beginning
20 of any registration period and the vehicle is not registered in this state at the time
21 of application and the applicant desires to register for the succeeding registration
22 period as well as for the remainder of the current period, the department upon
23 registering the vehicle shall issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate designed for the
24 succeeding registration period rather than for the current period. ~~Such plates also~~
25 serve The plate also serves during the remainder of the current registration period

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1 as lawful evidence of the registration of the vehicle. This subsection does not affect
2 computation of fee payable by the applicant.

3 **SECTION 78.** 341.295 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.295 (3) (a) If the applicant holds a registration plates which were plate that
5 was removed from a vehicle under s. 341.31 (4) (c), 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or
6 (2) (c), and the plates were plate was issued under the monthly series system, the
7 department shall register a replacement vehicle of the same type and gross weight
8 which is the subject of the application for the remainder of the unexpired registration
9 period.

10 **SECTION 79.** 341.295 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.295 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration plates plate
12 under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original
13 rather than renewal application, the department may register the vehicle which is
14 the subject of the application for such period or part of a period as the secretary
15 determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the
16 department.

17 **SECTION 80.** 341.31 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.31 (1) (b) 5. The vehicle is a motorcycle which has been transferred or
19 leased to the applicant and for which a current registration plates plate had been
20 issued to the previous owner; or

21 **SECTION 81.** 341.31 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.31 (4) (b) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a vehicle
23 under s. 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or (2) (c) and which was junked or transferred,
24 is no longer leased to the person or used on the highways or has been registered as
25 a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street

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1 modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a) may receive credit for the
2 unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement vehicle
3 of the same type and gross weight.

4 **SECTION 82.** 341.31 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.31 (4) (c) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a motorcycle
6 may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when
7 registering a replacement motorcycle.

8 **SECTION 83.** 341.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.32 (1) Whenever the construction or the use of a registered vehicle is
10 changed in a manner making the vehicle subject to a different registration fee than
11 the fee for which the vehicle currently is registered, the owner shall immediately
12 make application for reregistration. The fee payable upon such reregistration shall
13 be computed as for a vehicle not previously registered in this state but a credit shall
14 be allowed for the unused portion of the fee paid for the previous registration if the
15 registration plates plate issued upon the previous registration are is returned to the
16 department. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual
17 registration fee or one twenty-fourth of the biennial registration fee prescribed for
18 the vehicle as previously registered multiplied by the number of months of
19 registration which have not fully expired on the date the vehicle became subject to
20 the different fee. The credit may be applied toward the reregistration of the vehicle
21 only up to the date when the previous registration would have expired.

22 **SECTION 84.** 341.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.33 (2) The department shall refund the unused portion of a registration fee
24 paid for the registration of a vehicle owned by a person who is entering active service
25 in the naval or military forces of the United States if the person makes application

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1 for such refund upon a form prescribed by the department, furnishes such proof as
2 the department may require that the vehicle will not be operated in this or another
3 state during the remainder of the period for which the vehicle is registered, and
4 returns to the department the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~ plate.
5 The refund shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual registration
6 fee or one twenty-fourth of the biennial registration fee paid for the vehicle,
7 multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the period for which the vehicle
8 is registered when the vehicle ceases to be operated.

9 **SECTION 85.** 341.33 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.33 (3) Upon request, the department shall refund ~~50%~~ 50 percent of a
11 registration fee paid for a vehicle registered on a biennial basis if the person who
12 registered the vehicle furnishes such proof as the department requires that the
13 person has transferred his or her interest in the vehicle or terminated leasing the
14 vehicle before the beginning of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is
15 registered or that the vehicle will not be operated in this state after the beginning
16 of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is registered. The department may
17 require the person to return the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~
18 plate for the vehicle to the department. Except as provided in sub. (1), the
19 department may not refund more than ~~50%~~ 50 percent of the fee paid for the
20 registration of a vehicle registered on a biennial basis.

21 **SECTION 86.** 341.335 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.335 (1) Whenever any person, after applying for and receiving a
23 registration ~~plates~~ plate, moves from the address named in the application for the
24 registration ~~plates~~ plate or when the name of the licensee is changed by marriage or
25 otherwise, the person shall within 10 days notify the department in writing of the

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1 old and new address or of such former and new names and of all registration plate
2 numbers held.

3 **SECTION 87.** 341.41 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.41 (8) (a) Residents of the state operating a fleet of 3 or more units
5 consisting of trucks, truck tractors or road tractors with a gross weight of not less
6 than 12,000 pounds shall display a Wisconsin registration plates plate for which
7 ~~100%~~ 100 percent of the fee has been paid on vehicles not exempt from Wisconsin
8 registration and operated in intrastate commerce. Vehicles engaged in interstate
9 commerce may display a Wisconsin prorated registration plates plate for which a
10 proportional registration fee has been paid in addition to a full fee registration plate
11 from another jurisdiction. Such proportional registration shall be accomplished
12 either by payment to the department of registration fees in an amount equal to that
13 obtained by applying the proportion of in-state fleet miles divided by the total fleet
14 miles to the total fees which would otherwise be required for the registration of all
15 such vehicles in this state, or by registration of a portion of such vehicles as
16 determined under this subsection. The department may refuse to permit any or all
17 of such vehicles to be registered under apportionment if the department is not
18 satisfied that this state will obtain a fair and equitable share of license registrations
19 of the vehicles comprising such fleet.

20 **SECTION 88.** 341.47 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.47 (1) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (2), any motor vehicle,
22 recreational vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is owned or repossessed by, or
23 consigned for sale to, a dealer, distributor or manufacturer may be operated on the
24 highways of this state for either private or business purposes without being

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1 registered if the vehicle has displayed upon it ~~a valid registration plates~~ plate issued
2 under s. 341.51 to the dealer, distributor or manufacturer and the vehicle:

3 **SECTION 89.** 341.47 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.47 (3) A vehicle which is being transported in tow on its own wheels or
5 under its own power from the manufacturer to the distributor, dealer or branch of the
6 manufacturer, or from the distributor or dealer to another distributor or dealer or to
7 the manufacturer or branch of the manufacturer, or from the branch of the
8 manufacturer to the distributor, dealer or manufacturer by a transporter of vehicles
9 need not be registered if such vehicle has displayed upon it ~~a valid registration plates~~
10 plate issued to the transporter pursuant to s. 341.51. The requirement under this
11 subsection that the vehicle be transported in tow on its own wheels or under its own
12 power does not apply to trailers, semitrailers or truck tractors.

13 **SECTION 90.** 341.51 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.51 (2) Upon registering a dealer, distributor, manufacturer or transporter
15 the department also shall issue ~~2 one~~ registration plates plate. The department,
16 upon receiving a fee of \$5 for each additional plate desired by a dealer, distributor
17 or manufacturer of motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers, \$5 for each additional
18 plate desired by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer of recreational vehicles and \$5
19 for each additional plate desired by a transporter, shall issue to the registered dealer,
20 distributor, manufacturer or transporter the additional plates as ordered. The
21 department may charge a fee of \$2 per plate for replacing lost, damaged or illegible
22 plates issued under this subsection.

23 **SECTION 91.** 341.53 of the statutes is amended to read:

24 **341.53 Expiration of registration; transferability of plates plate.**
25 Certificates of registration and registration plates issued to dealers, distributors,

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1 manufacturers or transporters shall be issued for the calendar year and are valid
2 only during the calendar year for which issued. ~~Registration plates are~~ A
3 registration plate is transferable from one motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to
4 another motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer and from one recreational vehicle to
5 another.

6 **SECTION 92.** 341.625 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.625 (1) Any person who fraudulently procures or uses a special
8 registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a)
9 shall forfeit not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

10 **SECTION 93.** 341.63 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.63 (3) Whenever the registration of a vehicle is suspended under this
12 section or ch. 344, the department may order the owner or person in possession of the
13 registration plates plate to return ~~them~~ it to the department. Any person who fails
14 to return the plates plate when ordered to do so by the department may be required
15 to forfeit not more than \$200.

16 **SECTION 94.** 342.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 342.05 (5) Unless otherwise authorized by rule of the department, a
18 nonresident owner of a vehicle that is not subject to registration in this state may not
19 apply for a certificate of title under this chapter unless the vehicle is subject to a
20 security interest or except as provided in s. 342.16 (1) (a). Notwithstanding any other
21 provision of this section, a nonresident may purchase a temporary operation plates
22 plate under s. 341.09 (4). Any temporary operation permit or plate issued under s.
23 341.09 shall not be considered registration of the vehicle for purposes of this
24 subsection.

25 **SECTION 95.** 342.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 342.15 (4) (a) If the vehicle being transferred is a motorcycle or an automobile
2 registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor
3 home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000
4 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the
5 owner shall remove the registration ~~plates~~ plate and retain and preserve ~~them~~ the
6 plate for use on any other vehicle of the same type and gross weight which may
7 subsequently be registered in his or her name.

8 **SECTION 96.** 342.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 342.15 (4) (b) If the vehicle being transferred is a vehicle registered under s.
10 341.26 at a special fee and the new owner will not be entitled to register the vehicle
11 at such fee, the transferor shall remove and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

12 **SECTION 97.** 342.15 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 342.15 (4) (c) In all other cases the transferor shall permit the ~~plates~~ plate to
14 remain attached to the vehicle being transferred, except that if the vehicle has been
15 junked the transferor shall remove and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

16 **SECTION 98.** 342.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 342.34 (1) (c) If the vehicle is a motorcycle or an automobile registered under
18 s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose
19 farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck
20 which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the owner shall remove
21 the registration ~~plates~~ plate and retain and preserve ~~them~~ the plate for use on any
22 other vehicle of the same type which may subsequently be registered in his or her
23 name. If the vehicle is not a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27,
24 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm
25 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck which

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1 has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, he or she shall remove and
2 destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

3 **SECTION 99.** 342.34 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 342.34 (2) (c) Remove and either retain or destroy the registration ~~plates~~ plate
5 for the vehicle as provided in sub. (1) (c).

6 **SECTION 100.** 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for a registration ~~plates~~ plate of a special
8 design under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or any other person with a disability that
9 limits or impairs the ability to walk may request from the department a special
10 identification card that will entitle any motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle,
11 parked by, or under the direction of, the person, or a motor vehicle, other than a
12 motorcycle, operated by or on behalf of the organization when used to transport such
13 a person, to parking privileges under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) and (3). The department shall
14 issue the card at a fee to be determined by the department, upon submission by the
15 applicant, if the applicant is an individual rather than an organization, of a
16 statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an
17 advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician
18 assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed
19 to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian Science practitioner residing
20 in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal that the person is a person
21 with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The statement shall state
22 whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of
23 the physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, chiropractor or
24 practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The department shall issue the card
25 upon application by an organization on a form prescribed by the department if the

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1 department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this
2 subsection.

3 **SECTION 101.** 344.45 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 344.45 (1) Whenever a person's operating privilege or registration is suspended
5 under this chapter, the department may order the person to surrender to the
6 department his or her operator's license and the registration ~~plates~~ plate of the any
7 vehicle ~~or vehicles~~ for which registration was suspended. If the person fails
8 immediately to return the operator's license or registration ~~plates~~ plate to the
9 department, the department may direct a traffic officer to take possession thereof
10 and return them to the department.

11 **SECTION 102.** 344.55 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 344.55 (2) The department may not issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate for such
13 a vehicle unless there is on file with the department a certificate of insurance
14 showing that the vehicle is insured in compliance with sub. (1). No such policy may
15 be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason unless a notice thereof
16 is filed with the department at least 30 days prior to the date of termination or
17 cancellation. The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle on which
18 the insurance policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of
19 termination or cancellation.

20 **SECTION 103.** 346.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 346.50 (2) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a special
22 registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1) or (1r) (a) to a disabled veteran or on his
23 or her behalf is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in
24 any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased,
25 or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both

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1 owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more
2 limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time
3 limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.
4 Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the disabled veteran to
5 whom or on whose behalf the special ~~plates were~~ plate was issued and to qualified
6 operators acting under the disabled veteran's express direction with the disabled
7 veteran present.

8 **SECTION 104.** 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 346.50 (2a) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a
10 special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a)
11 or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card
12 issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another
13 jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued
14 by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically
15 disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking
16 in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased,
17 or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both
18 owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more
19 limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time
20 limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.
21 Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

22 **SECTION 105.** 346.50 (2a) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 346.50 (2a) (a) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
24 (1a).

25 **SECTION 106.** 346.50 (2a) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 346.50 (2a) (b) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
2 person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1a) when such person
3 is present.

4 **SECTION 107.** 346.50 (2a) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 346.50 (2a) (c) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
6 (1m) when the disabled person for whom the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued is present.

7 **SECTION 108.** 346.50 (2a) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 346.50 (2a) (d) A person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s.
9 341.14 (1q).

10 **SECTION 109.** 346.50 (2a) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 346.50 (2a) (e) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
12 person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1q) when such
13 person is present.

14 **SECTION 110.** 346.50 (2a) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 346.50 (2a) (f) A person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
16 (1r) (a).

17 **SECTION 111.** 346.50 (2a) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.50 (2a) (g) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
19 person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1r) (a) when the
20 person is present.

21 **SECTION 112.** 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 346.50 (3) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing a special
23 registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or
24 a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card
25 issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another

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1 jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued
2 by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with
3 a physical disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity
4 therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street,
5 highway or parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official
6 traffic signs indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges
7 granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a)
8 (a) to (m).

9 **SECTION 113.** 346.503 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 346.503 (1) In this section, “motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person”
11 means a motor vehicle bearing a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s.
12 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle,
13 upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a
14 motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate,
15 card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a
16 vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

17 **SECTION 114.** 346.505 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.505 (2) (a) Except for a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person
19 as defined under s. 346.503 (1), no person may park, stop or leave standing any
20 vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise,
21 upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic
22 signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration ~~plates~~
23 plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special
24 identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another
25 jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other

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1 jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled
2 person.

3 **SECTION 115.** 346.505 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 346.505 (2) (b) No person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether
5 attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of
6 a street, highway or parking facility so as to obstruct, block or otherwise limit the use
7 of any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs
8 indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates plate
9 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification
10 card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and
11 displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
12 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

13 **SECTION 116.** 346.505 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 346.505 (2) (c) Notwithstanding par. (b), no person may park, stop or leave
15 standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or
16 otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility that is clearly
17 marked as and intended to be an access aisle to provide entry to and exit from
18 vehicles by persons with physical disabilities and which is immediately adjacent to
19 any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs
20 indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates plate
21 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification
22 card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and
23 displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
24 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability.

25 **SECTION 117.** 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 349.13 (1m) In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the
2 department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and
3 parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to
4 highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting
5 highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may,
6 by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping or
7 standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for any
8 vehicle bearing a special registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a),
9 (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a
10 special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or any vehicle
11 registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem
12 issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a
13 physically disabled person.

14 **SECTION 118.** 885.237 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 885.237 (2) Notwithstanding s. 341.04, the fact that an automobile or motor
16 truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less is located on a highway, as
17 defined in s. 340.01 (22), and is not displaying a valid registration plates plate, a
18 temporary operation plate or other evidence of registration as provided under s.
19 341.18 (1) is prima facie evidence, for purposes of ch. 341, that the vehicle is an
20 unregistered or improperly registered vehicle. This subsection does not apply to
21 violations of ordinances enacted under s. 341.65, but this subsection does apply to
22 violations of ordinances enacted under s. 341.65, 2003 stats.

23 **SECTION 119. Fiscal changes.**

24 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
25 to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as

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1 affected by the acts of 2007, the dollar amount is decreased by \$878,200 for fiscal year
2 2008-09 to decrease funding for the issuance of registration plates by the
3 department of transportation.

4 **SECTION 120. Initial applicability.**

5 (1) This act first applies to registration plates issued by the department of
6 transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

7 **SECTION 121. Effective date.**

8 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2008, or on the day after publication,
9 whichever is later.

10 (END)