



2009 SENATE BILL 627

March 18, 2010 – Introduced by Senators COGGS, HANSEN, DARLING and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI, HILGENBERG, STEINBRINK, SCHNEIDER, TURNER, HUBLER, HEBL, PASCH, GRIGSBY and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 341.08 (2) (f) and 341.14 (6r) (j) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 special distinguishing registration plate decals for certain vehicles owned by
3 certain members of special groups associated with the armed services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, members of certain special groups may obtain special distinguishing license plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes, that are owned by special group members. A fee, in addition to the regular registration fee for the particular kind of vehicle, is charged for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates. Several special groups for persons associated with the armed services are specifically enumerated as groups that may obtain special plates.

Under this bill, if an applicant for initial issuance of special group plates for a group associated with a branch of the armed services or a related organization identifies herself as a woman veteran, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of these special plates, a decal that contains the words “woman veteran” in white text on a red field and is as similar in appearance as possible to the woman veteran decal used by the Kentucky Department of Vehicle Regulation. An applicant for renewal of registration of these special plates may also receive the decal, free of charge, if the decal was not previously provided to the applicant by DOT.

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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 (6r) by a member of an authorized special group associated with a branch of the
4 armed services or a related organization, an opportunity for the applicant to identify
5 herself as a woman veteran.

6 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6r) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

7 341.14 (6r) (j) 1. If an applicant for initial issuance of special group plates under
8 this subsection for a group associated with a branch of the armed services or a related
9 organization identifies herself in the application as a woman veteran, the
10 department shall provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of the plates issued
11 under this subsection, a decal that contains the words “woman veteran” in white text
12 on a red field and is as similar in appearance as possible to the woman veteran decal
13 used by the Kentucky department of vehicle regulation and instructions for
14 placement of the decal on the special plate.

15 2. Upon receiving any application for renewal of registration of a vehicle for
16 which special group plates for a group associated with a branch of the armed services
17 or a related organization have been issued, if the applicant identifies herself in the
18 application as a woman veteran and if the department has not previously provided
19 a decal under subd. 1. or 3., the department shall provide a decal described in subd.
20 1. to the applicant, free of charge, with instructions for placement of the decal on one
21 of 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 group plates have been issued under this
3 subsection for a group associated with a branch of the armed services or a related
4 organization, if the applicant identifies herself in the application as a woman veteran
5 and if the department issues new registration plates for the vehicle under s. 341.135,
6 the department shall provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of these plates, a
7 decal described in subd. 1. and instructions for placement of the decal on the plate.

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

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

10 (1) This act first applies to applications for original or renewal vehicle
11 registration received by the department of transportation on the effective date of this
12 subsection.
13 subsection.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

14 (1) This act takes effect on first day of the 4th month beginning after
15 publication.
16 publication.

17 **(END)**