



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 48

February 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, BIES and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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

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 provide to the applicant, to be affixed 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 provided by DOT.

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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 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 provide
9 to the applicant, to be affixed to each plate issued under this subsection, 2 decals
10 related to the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division and instructions for placement
11 of these decals on the special plates. One decal shall display only the words “Red
12 Arrow.” The other decal shall display only the red arrow symbol associated with the
13 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade or Division.

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

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1 in subd. 1. to the applicant, free of charge, with instructions for placement of the
2 decals on the special plates.

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

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

13 **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 9. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (b) 9. a.
14 and amended to read:

15 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 9. a. A fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance
16 of a plate for a special group specified under par. (f) 1. to 19., 20. to 32., 49. to 49m.,
17 49s., 51., or 56. All moneys received under this ~~subdivision~~ subd. 9. a. in excess of
18 the initial costs of production of the special group plates under par. (f) 3m., 6m., 9g.,
19 9m., 12g., 12m., 49d., 49h., 49s., and 56. or \$37,800, whichever is less, shall be
20 deposited in the veterans trust fund.

21 **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 9. b. of the statutes is created to read:

22 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 9. b. A fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance
23 of a plate for the special group specified under par. (f) 49p. All moneys received under
24 this subd. 9. b. in excess of the initial costs of production of the special group plate

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1 under par. (f) 49p. or \$28,600, whichever is less, shall be deposited in the veterans
2 trust fund.

3 **SECTION 5.** 341.14 (6r) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.14 **(6r)** (d) 1. Subject to ~~subd.~~ subds. 2. and 3. and par. (c), the department
5 shall specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol
6 to be displayed upon special group plates for a group associated with a branch of the
7 armed services or a related organization after consultation with the appropriate
8 state or federal representative of that service or organization. Special group plates
9 for a group associated with a branch of the armed services or a related organization
10 shall be colored red, white and blue.

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

12 341.14 **(6r)** (d) 3. Special group plates under par. (f) 49p. shall display the words
13 “Red Arrow” and the red arrow symbol associated with the 32nd “Red Arrow” Brigade
14 or Division.

15 **SECTION 7.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 49p. of the statutes is created to read:

16 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 49p. Members or former members of the 32nd “Red Arrow”
17 Brigade or Division.

18 **SECTION 8.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.14 **(6r)** (fm) 7. After October 1, 1998, additional authorized special groups
20 may only be special groups designated by the department under this paragraph. The
21 authorized special groups enumerated in par. (f) shall be limited solely to those
22 special groups specified under par. (f) on October 1, 1998. This subdivision does not
23 apply to the special groups specified under par. (f) 3m., 6m., 9g., 9m., 12g., 12m.,
24 19m., 49d., 49h., 49p., 49s., 54., 55., 55m., 56., 57., and 58.

25 **SECTION 9. Initial applicability.**

