

State of Wisconsin



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2015 WISCONSIN ACT 323

AN ACT *to amend* 341.08 (7), 341.09 (3), 341.28 (4) (c), 341.31 (1) (d), 341.33 (2), 343.20 (3) and 343.20 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** operator's licenses held by, and registration of motor vehicles by, persons on active duty in the U.S. foreign service.

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

SECTION 1. 341.08 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.08 (7) A vehicle's registration does not expire on the date of expiration of registration under ss. 341.25 to 341.36 if, on that date of expiration, the registrant is on active duty in the U.S. armed forces and is absent from this state or is a member of the U.S. foreign service appointed under 22 USC 3942 (a) (1) or 3943 who is on active duty and is absent from this state. Any registration extended under this subsection expires 30 days after the registrant returns to this state or 90 days after the registrant is discharged from active duty, whichever is earlier. If a registration is renewed after an extension under this subsection, the renewal period shall begin on the day after the date of expiration of registration.

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

341.09 (3) Upon application ~~therefor~~ to the department by a person engaged in the active military service of the United States or its allies or who is a member of the U.S. foreign service appointed under 22 USC 3942 (a) (1) or 3943 who is on active duty and upon satisfactory proof of the active military or foreign service status of the applicant and of being granted a furlough, the department shall

issue to the applicant without charge a temporary operation plate ~~which that~~ authorizes the applicant to operate any vehicle owned or designated by the applicant without registration of the vehicle. The plate is valid only while the applicant is on furlough and for a period not to exceed 30 days. The department shall determine the size, color, design, form, and specifications of a plate issued under this subsection. The plate may be similar or identical to a plate issued under sub. (2).

SECTION 3. 341.28 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 (4) (c) The automobile is owned by a person who has been in active military service or who is a member of the U.S. foreign service appointed under 22 USC 3942 (a) (1) or 3943 who has been in active service and less than 12 months of nonoperation have elapsed since the end of the period for which the automobile was previously registered, provided the applicant files with the department a statement of such nonoperation.

SECTION 4. 341.31 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.31 (1) (d) The vehicle is owned by a person who has been in active military service or who is a member of the U.S. foreign service appointed under 22 USC 3942 (a) (1) or 3943 who has been in active service and less than 12 months of nonoperation have elapsed since the end of the period for which the vehicle was previously

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

registered, provided the applicant files with the department a statement of such nonoperation.

SECTION 5. 341.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.33 (2) The department shall refund the unused portion of a registration fee paid for the registration of a vehicle owned by a person who is entering active service in the naval or military forces of the United States or who is a member of the U.S. foreign service appointed under 22 USC 3942 (a) (1) or 3943 entering active service if the person makes application for such refund upon a form prescribed by the department, furnishes ~~such~~ any proof as ~~that~~ the department ~~may require~~ requires that the vehicle will not be operated in this or another state during the remainder of the period for which the vehicle is registered, and returns to the department the certificate of registration and registration plates. The refund shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual registration fee or one twenty-fourth of the biennial registration fee paid for the vehicle, multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the period for which the vehicle is registered when the vehicle ceases to be operated.

SECTION 6. 343.20 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.20 (3) Any person who holds a valid license and who is unable to make a renewal application within the period declared by the department, due to serving with any branch of the armed services or as a member of the U.S. foreign service appointed under 22 USC 3942 (a) (1) or 3943, may apply for a renewal of the license at any time during such service or within 6 months after the date of discharge from such services.

SECTION 7. 343.20 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.20 (4) Any license issued under this chapter does not expire on the expiration date on the license if, on that expiration date, the licensee is on active duty in the U.S. armed forces and is absent from this state or is a member of the U.S. foreign service appointed under 22 USC 3942 (a) (1) or 3943 who is on active duty and is absent from this state. Any license extended under this subsection expires 30 days after the licensee returns to this state or 90 days after the licensee is discharged from active duty, whichever is earlier. If a license is renewed after an extension under this subsection, the renewal period shall begin on the day after the expiration date on the license.