



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 1069

March 21, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives PROSSER, BRANDEMUEHL, LORGE, TURNER, KLUSMAN, DUFF, OTT, FREESE, GOETSCH, HAHN, AINSWORTH and R. YOUNG, cosponsored by Senators RISSER, RUDE and GROBSCHMIDT. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 14.26 (4m), 20.395 (5) (qr), 20.525 (1) (qr), 25.40 (2) (b) 20p.,
2 341.14 (6r) (bg) and 341.14 (6r) (f) 52.; **to amend** 341.14 (6r) (c), 341.14 (6r) (c),
3 341.14 (6r) (e), 341.14 (6r) (e), 341.16 (1) (b) and 341.16 (1) (b); and **to create**
4 14.26 (4m), 20.395 (5) (qr), 20.525 (1) (em), 20.525 (1) (qr), 25.40 (2) (b) 20p.,
5 341.14 (6r) (bg) and 341.14 (6r) (f) 52. of the statutes; **relating to:** vehicle
6 registration plates commemorating the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin
7 statehood and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, motor vehicle registrants may obtain special distinguishing license plates for certain vehicles registered with the department of transportation (DOT). Special license plates may be obtained for automobiles, station wagons, motor homes and certain dual purpose motor homes, farm trucks and dual purpose farm trucks. A fee, in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee for the particular type of vehicle, is assessed for the issuance or reissuance of most special license plates.

Persons possessing special license plates related to certain campuses of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System or related to the support of endangered or threatened species pay an additional annual fee as a tax deductible contribution to the UW System or to the endangered resources program administered by the department of natural resources.

This bill creates a special license plate that commemorates the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood. An eligible applicant may obtain these special commemorative plates for a one-time fee of \$15, in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. Each quarter, DOT is required to compute the total cost of

1 **SECTION 4.** 20.395 (5) (qr) of the statutes is created to read:

2 20.395 **(5)** (qr) *Sesquicentennial commemorative registration plates.* A sum
3 sufficient to design, produce, promote and distribute special group registration
4 plates under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 52.

5 **SECTION 5.** 20.395 (5) (qr) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act
6 (this act), is repealed.

7 **SECTION 6.** 20.525 (1) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

8 20.525 **(1)** (em) *Wisconsin sesquicentennial commission; general program*
9 *operations supplement.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule
10 for the general program operations of the Wisconsin sesquicentennial commission
11 under s. 14.26.

12 **SECTION 7.** 20.525 (1) (qr) of the statutes is created to read:

13 20.525 **(1)** (qr) *Wisconsin sesquicentennial commission; vehicle registration*
14 *plates.* From the transportation fund, all moneys credited to this appropriation
15 account under s. 341.14 (6r) (bg) 3. b., to be used for the general program operations
16 of the Wisconsin sesquicentennial commission under s. 14.26.

17 **SECTION 8.** 20.525 (1) (qr) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act
18 (this act), is repealed.

19 **SECTION 9.** 25.40 (2) (b) 20p. of the statutes is created to read:

20 25.40 **(2)** (b) 20p. Section 20.525 (1) (qr).

21 **SECTION 10.** 25.40 (2) (b) 20p. of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act
22 (this act), is repealed.

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

24 341.14 **(6r)** (bg) 1. Upon application to register an automobile, station wagon
25 or motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm

1 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which
2 has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident
3 of this state and a member of the authorized special group under par. (f) 52., the
4 department shall issue to the person special plates whose colors and design shall
5 indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member of that special group.

6 2. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the initial issuance of a plate
7 for the special group specified under par. (f) 52. To the extent permitted under ch.
8 71, the fee under this subdivision is deductible as a charitable contribution for
9 purposes of the taxes under ch. 71.

10 3. Not later than 45 days after the last day of the first fiscal quarter beginning
11 after the effective date of this paragraph [revisor inserts date], and not later than
12 45 days after the last day of each fiscal quarter thereafter, ending with the 2nd fiscal
13 quarter of the 1998-99 fiscal year, the department shall do all of the following:

14 a. Compute the total cost to the department of designing, producing, promoting
15 and distributing special group plates under par. (f) 52. during the preceding fiscal
16 quarter.

17 b. Credit to the appropriation account under s. 20.525 (1) (qr) the amount, if
18 any, by which fees received under subd. 2. during the preceding fiscal quarter
19 exceeded the total cost computed under subd. 3. a.

20 **SECTION 12.** 341.14 (6r) (bg) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act
21 (this act), is repealed.

22 **SECTION 13.** 341.14 (6r) (bm) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.14 (**6r**) (bm) 1. Upon application to register a vehicle specified in par. (b)
24 or (bg) by a resident of this state who is the owner of the vehicle, upon payment of
25 the additional fees under par. (b) or (bg) and submission of a statement by the

1 applicant certifying to the department that the vehicle is leased to a person who
2 qualifies for special plates under par. (b) or (bg) together with information required
3 of an applicant under par. (b) or (bg), the department shall issue to the owner special
4 plates of the appropriate colors and design under par. (d) or (e) in lieu of the plates
5 which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle. ~~The department may not accept an~~
6 ~~application for a special group plate under par. (f) 50. before January 1, 1995.~~

7 **SECTION 14.** 341.14 (6r) (bm) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin
8 Act (this act), is amended to read:

9 341.14 **(6r)** (bm) 1. Upon application to register a vehicle specified in par. (b)
10 ~~or (bg)~~ by a resident of this state who is the owner of the vehicle, upon payment of
11 the additional fees under par. (b) ~~or (bg)~~ and submission of a statement by the
12 applicant certifying to the department that the vehicle is leased to a person who
13 qualifies for special plates under par. (b) ~~or (bg)~~ together with information required
14 of an applicant under par. (b) ~~or (bg)~~, the department shall issue to the owner special
15 plates of the appropriate colors and design under par. (d) or (e) in lieu of the plates
16 which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle.

17 **SECTION 15.** 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 1993 Wisconsin Act
18 415, is amended to read:

19 341.14 **(6r)** (c) Special group plates shall display the word "Wisconsin", the
20 name of the applicable authorized special group, a symbol representing the special
21 group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not
22 exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position. The department shall specify
23 the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president
24 of the university of Wisconsin system before specifying the design for the special
25 group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47., the Wisconsin sesquicentennial commission

1 ~~before specifying the design for the special group plate under par. (f) 52.~~ and the
2 secretary of natural resources before specifying the design for the special group plate
3 under par. (f) 50. Special group plates under par. (f) 50. shall be as similar as possible
4 to regular registration plates in color and design.

5 **SECTION 16.** 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act
6 (this act), is amended to read:

7 341.14 **(6r)** (c) Special group plates shall display the word "Wisconsin", the
8 name of the applicable authorized special group, a symbol representing the special
9 group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not
10 exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position. The department shall specify
11 the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president
12 of the university of Wisconsin system before specifying the design for the special
13 group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47., ~~the Wisconsin sesquicentennial commission~~
14 ~~before specifying the design for the special group plate under par. (f) 52.~~ and the
15 secretary of natural resources before specifying the design for the special group plate
16 under par. (f) 50. Special group plates under par. (f) 50. shall be as similar as possible
17 to regular registration plates in color and design.

18 **SECTION 17.** 341.14 (6r) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.14 **(6r)** (e) The department shall specify one combination of colors for
20 special group plates for groups or organizations which are not military in nature and
21 not special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. ~~and, 50. and 52.~~ The department,
22 after consulting the president of the university of Wisconsin system, shall specify one
23 combination of colors for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. The department
24 shall specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol
25 to be displayed upon special group plates for a group or organization which is not

1 military in nature after consultation with the chief executive officer in this state of
2 the group or organization, except that the department may not specify the word or
3 words or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the word
4 or words or symbol is approved in writing by the president of the university of
5 Wisconsin system or, with respect to endangered resources, specify the word or words
6 or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 50. unless the word or words or
7 symbol is approved in writing by the secretary of natural resources or, with respect
8 to commemorating the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood, specify the word
9 or words or the symbol for special group plate under par. (f) 52. unless the word or
10 words or symbol is approved in writing by the Wisconsin sesquicentennial
11 commission. The president may not approve the word or words or symbol for a
12 university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the chancellor of the university
13 approves in writing the word or words or symbol. The department shall require that
14 the word or words and symbol for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. be
15 a registration decal or tag and affixed to the special group plate and be of the colors
16 for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. that the president of the university
17 of Wisconsin system specifies.

18 **SECTION 18.** 341.14 (6r) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act
19 (this act), is amended to read:

20 341.14 **(6r)** (e) The department shall specify one combination of colors for
21 special group plates for groups or organizations which are not military in nature and
22 not special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. and, 50. ~~and~~ 52. The department,
23 after consulting the president of the university of Wisconsin system, shall specify one
24 combination of colors for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. The department
25 shall specify the word or words comprising the special group name and the symbol

1 to be displayed upon special group plates for a group or organization which is not
2 military in nature after consultation with the chief executive officer in this state of
3 the group or organization, except that the department may not specify the word or
4 words or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the word
5 or words or symbol is approved in writing by the president of the university of
6 Wisconsin system or, with respect to endangered resources, specify the word or words
7 or the symbol for special group plates under par. (f) 50. unless the word or words or
8 symbol is approved in writing by the secretary of natural resources ~~or, with respect~~
9 ~~to commemorating the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood, specify the word~~
10 ~~or words or the symbol for special group plate under par. (f) 52. unless the word or~~
11 ~~words or symbol is approved in writing by the Wisconsin sesquicentennial~~
12 ~~commission.~~ The president may not approve the word or words or symbol for a
13 university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. unless the chancellor of the university
14 approves in writing the word or words or symbol. The department shall require that
15 the word or words and symbol for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. be
16 a registration decal or tag and affixed to the special group plate and be of the colors
17 for a university specified under par. (f) 35. to 47. that the president of the university
18 of Wisconsin system specifies.

19 **SECTION 19.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 52. of the statutes is created to read:

20 341.14 (6r) (f) 52. Persons interested in obtaining a plate commemorating the
21 150th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood. This subdivision does not apply after
22 December 31, 1998.

23 **SECTION 20.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 52. of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act
24 (this act), is repealed.

25 **SECTION 21.** 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

