



2001 SENATE BILL 165

April 30, 2001 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 341.14 (6r) (b) 3., 341.14 (6r) (c) and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and
2 **to create** 25.14 (1) (a) 15., 25.17 (1) (ak), 25.40 (1) (a) 21., 25.77, 341.14 (6r) (b)
3 9. and 341.14 (6r) (f) 56. of the statutes; **relating to:** special distinguishing
4 registration plates in support of the arts and creating an artistic endowment
5 fund.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTE provided by the joint legislative council.
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:

PREFATORY NOTE: This bill, prepared for the joint legislative council's special committee on arts funding, creates a special license plate to raise funds for the support of the Wisconsin artistic endowment fund, also created in the bill. The bill establishes a \$15 issuance and reissuance fee for the plate and an annual fee of \$20 (or \$40 for vehicles registered on a biennial basis), in addition to the fee for registering the vehicle. The bill specifies that the \$20 or \$40 fee could be used in calculating the itemized deduction credit for the purposes of state income taxes to the extent allowed under current law. The department of transportation is authorized to recover from the \$20 or \$40 fee its initial costs of production of the arts plate, up to \$196,700.

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1 **SECTION 1.** 25.14 (1) (a) 15. of the statutes is created to read:

2 25.14 (1) (a) 15. The artistic endowment fund.

3 **SECTION 2.** 25.17 (1) (ak) of the statutes is created to read:

4 25.17 (1) (ak) Artistic endowment fund (s. 25.77);

5 **SECTION 3.** 25.40 (1) (a) 21. of the statutes is created to read:

6 25.40 (1) (a) 21. Moneys received under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 9. that are deposited
7 in the artistic endowment fund.

8 **SECTION 4.** 25.77 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **25.77 Artistic endowment fund.** There is established a separate nonlapsible
10 trust fund designated as the artistic endowment fund, to consist of all of the
11 following:

12 (1) All gifts, grants, bequests, or other contributions made to the artistic
13 endowment fund.

14 (2) Moneys received under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 9.

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

16 341.14 (6r) (b) 3. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or
17 reissuance of a plate issued on an annual basis for a special group specified under
18 par. (f) 35. to 47., 53., 54. ~~or~~ 55., or 56. or designated by the department under par.
19 (fm). An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance of a plate
20 issued on a biennial basis for a special group specified under par. (f) 35. to 47., 53.,
21 54. ~~or~~ 55., or 56. or designated by the department under par. (fm) if the plate is issued
22 during the first year of the biennial registration period or \$15 for the issuance or
23 reissuance if the plate is issued during the 2nd year of the biennial registration
24 period. The department shall deposit in the general fund and credit to the
25 appropriation account under s. 20.395 (5) (c) all fees collected under this subdivision

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1 for the issuance or reissuance of a plate for a special group designated by the
2 department under par. (fm).

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

4 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 9. An additional fee of \$20 that is in addition to the fee under
5 subd. 3. shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on an annual
6 basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 56. An additional fee of \$40 that
7 is in addition to the fee under subd. 3. shall be charged for the issuance or renewal
8 of a plate issued on a biennial basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 56.,
9 if the plate is issued or renewed during the first year of the biennial registration
10 period or \$20 for the issuance or renewal if the plate is issued or renewed during the
11 2nd year of the biennial registration period. All moneys received under this
12 subdivision in excess of the initial costs of production of the special group plate under
13 par. (f) 56. or \$196,700, whichever is less, shall be deposited in the artistic
14 endowment fund under s. 25.77. To the extent permitted under ch. 71, the fee under
15 this subdivision is deductible as a charitable contribution for purposes of the taxes
16 under ch. 71.

17 **SECTION 7.** 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.14 **(6r)** (c) Special group plates shall display the word "Wisconsin," the
19 name of the applicable authorized special group, a symbol representing the special
20 group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not
21 exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position. The department shall specify
22 the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president
23 of the University of Wisconsin System before specifying the word or symbol used to
24 identify the special groups under par. (f) 35. to 47., the secretary of natural resources
25 before specifying the word or symbol used to identify for the special group under par.

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1 (f) 50. ~~and~~, the chief executive officer of the professional football team and an
2 authorized representative of the league of professional football teams described in
3 s. 229.823 to which that team belongs before specifying the design for the applicable
4 special group plate under par. (f) 55., and the executive secretary of the arts board
5 before specifying the word or symbol used to identify the special group under par. (f)
6 56. Special group plates under par. (f) 50. shall be as similar as possible to regular
7 registration plates in color and design.

8 **SECTION 8.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 56. of the statutes is created to read:

9 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 56. Persons interested in expressing their support of the arts.

10 **SECTION 9.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.14 **(6r)** (fm) 7. ~~Except for the authorized special group enumerated under~~
12 ~~par. (f) 55., after~~ After October 1, 1998, additional authorized special groups may
13 only be special groups designated by the department under this paragraph. The
14 authorized special groups enumerated in par. (f) shall be limited solely to those
15 special groups specified under par. (f) on October 1, 1998, ~~except for the authorized~~
16 ~~special group enumerated under par. (f) 55.~~ This subdivision does not apply to the
17 special group groups specified under par. (f) 54., 55., and 56.

18 (END)