AN ACT to amend 341.145 (4) and (6) of the statutes, relating to personalized registration plates.

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

SECTION 1. 341.145 (4) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

341.145 (4) Each personalized registration plate issued shall be reserved for the recipient in succeeding registration periods and shall not be duplicated for issuance to any other person during such registration periods if the recipient maintains the plate, unless the recipient authorizes the issuance of the plate to another person. If the individual recipient does not maintain the plate for 2 successive years which are not plate issuance years or if the recipient does not specifically request reissuance of the personalized license registration plate by the end of the month in which the plate expires, in a succeeding plate issuance year, the department may issue the personalized license registration plate to another applicant. License Registration plate numbers issued as special numbers prior to January 1, 1979, will be reserved for issuance as personalized license registration plates in the same manner as prescribed for personalized registration plates in this section.

(6) Any license plate issued sequentially to an applicant for original or renewal registration shall not be available for issuance as a personalized license plate until the succeeding plate issuance year if the plate has not been maintained for 2 successive years or if the recipient of the plate authorizes the issuance of the plate to another person.

SECTION 2. Terminology changes. (1) TRANSPORTATION. (a) Personalized registration plates. Wherever the term “license plate” or “license plates” appears in the following sections of the statutes, the term “registration plate” or “registration plates”, respectively, is substituted: 341.11 (4) and 341.145 (title), (1), (2) (intro.), (3), (5) (intro.), (7) and (8).