AN ACT to amend 341.16 (title), (1) (a) and (2); and to create 341.16 (2m) of the statutes, relating to replacement registration plates and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 341.16 (title), (1) (a) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

341.16 (title) Issuance of replacement plate. (1) (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of $2 for each plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

(2) Whenever a current registration plate becomes illegible, the owner of the vehicle to which the plate is attached shall apply to the department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon satisfactory proof of illegibility, and upon payment of a fee of $2 for each plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

SECTION 2. 341.16 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

341.16 (2m) Upon request therefor and payment of a fee of $10, the department may issue an applicant for replacement plates for an automobile registered pursuant to the monthly series system registration plates of the design specified in s. 341.13 for the plate issuance cycle next succeeding the cycle under which the original plates were issued. The department may limit the receipt of requests under this subsection to applicants for a renewal registration of a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2m. Appropriation changes; transportation. The appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1985, is increased by $787,900 for fiscal year 1986-87 for the purpose of funding the estimated costs of issuing replacement registration plates under section 341.16 (2m) of the statutes, as created by this act.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability. (1) Replacement registration plates. This act applies to requests for replacement registration plates made on or after August 1, 1986.