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## 1989 WISCONSIN ACT 137

AN ACT to renumber 341.266 (2) (a); to renumber and amend 341.266 (2) (intro.); to amend 341.14 (2m), 341.266 (1) (a), 341.266 (3), 341.27 (3) (a), 341.28 (2) (intro.) and (b) and 341.31 (4) (b); to repeal and recreate 341.266 (2) (b); and to create 341.09 (7), 341.266 (2) (e) 3, 341.266 (5) and 342.14 (8) of the statutes, relating to: registering and using special interest vehicles and providing a penalty.

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

**SECTION 1.** 341.09 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

341.09 (7) The owner of a special interest vehicle registered under s. 341.266 (2) (a) may, upon payment of a fee of \$5 and application to the department, be issued a permit for operation of the vehicle for a period not to exceed 10 successive days during the months of January, February and March. The department shall prescribe the form of the application and permit and the manner in which the permit shall be displayed. The owner may be issued additional permits upon application and payment of the required fee for each permit requested.

**SECTION 2.** 341.14 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (2m) Upon compliance with laws relating to registration of motor vehicles, including payment of the prescribed fee, and an additional fee of \$5 when the original or new registration plates are issued and accompanied by an application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant has a collector's identification number as provided in s. 341.266 (2) (a) (d), the department shall issue registration plates on which, in lieu of the usual registration number, shall be inscribed the collector's identification number issued under s. 341.266 (2) (a) (d). The word "COLLECTOR" shall be inscribed across the lower or upper portion of the plate at the discretion of the department. Additional registrations under this subsection by

the same collector shall bear the same collector's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification. Registration plates issued under this section shall expire annually on May 31.

**SECTION 3.** 341.266 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (1) (a) "Collector" means the owner of one or more special interest vehicles who collects, purchases, acquires, trades or disposes of special interest vehicles or parts thereof for his the collector's own use in order to restore, preserve and maintain a special interest vehicle for historic interest.

**SECTION 4.** 341.266 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 341.266 (2) (a) and amended to read:

341.266 (2) (a) Any person who is the owner of a special interest vehicle which is 20 or more years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the vehicle and who, unless the owner is an historical society that is exempt from federal income taxes, owns, has registered in this state and uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has regular registration plates may upon application register the same vehicle as a special interest vehicle upon payment of a fee of \$40, and be furnished under par. (b).

(c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with registration plates of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration plates which, and those plates shall show that the vehicle is a special interest vehicle owned by a Wisconsin collector. The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant

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Upon application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any additional fee.

(e) The vehicle may be used as are other vehicles of the same type except that ~~motor~~:

1. Motor vehicles may not transport passengers for hire ~~and trucks~~.

2. Trucks may not haul material weighing more than 500 pounds.

(f) Unless inconsistent with this section, the provisions applicable to other vehicles shall apply to special interest vehicles.

**SECTION 5.** 341.266 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 341.266 (2) (d).

**SECTION 6.** 341.266 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

341.266 (2) (b) The fee to register a vehicle under par. (a) is twice the regular annual fee under s. 341.25 for the type of vehicle, except that the fee for a vehicle that has a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds may be no more than twice the annual fee for a similar vehicle that has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds.

**SECTION 7.** 341.266 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

341.266 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no special interest vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state during the months of January, February and March unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration plates issued under par. (c) with regular registration plates or transfers regular registration plates to the vehicle.

**SECTION 8.** 341.266 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first time only) processing fee of \$20 \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original collector's special interest vehicle registration plates and to ensure that each collector will be issued only one collector's identification number.

**SECTION 9.** 341.266 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

341.266 (5) Any person who violates sub. (2) (e) 3. may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

**SECTION 10.** 341.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.27 (3) (a) Except as provided in s. 341.28 (2) (c), if the applicant holds current registration plates which were removed from an automobile ~~of~~ which the applicant no longer is the owner, owns or which has been junked, ~~or~~ is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a), and ~~such~~ the plates were issued under the monthly series system, the department shall register the automobile

which is the subject of the application for the remainder of ~~such~~ the unexpired registration period.

**SECTION 11.** 341.28 (2) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

341.28 (2) (intro.) If the applicant for registration holds current registration plates which were removed from an automobile ~~of~~ which the applicant no longer is the owner, owns or which has been junked, ~~or~~ which is no longer being used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a), and ~~such~~ the plates were issued under the monthly series system, the applicant is exempt from the payment of a registration fee, except in the following cases:

(b) If the automobile which is the subject of the application was owned by the applicant at the time of and on or before the 15th day of the month in which the transfer, ~~or~~ discontinuance of use on the highways, ~~or~~ junking or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) of the other automobile occurred and was not currently registered at the time of such transfer, ~~or~~ discontinuance of use on the highways, ~~or~~ junking or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a), the applicant shall pay a fee to be computed as provided in subs. (3) to (5) but shall receive a credit for the unused portion of the current registration. ~~Such~~ The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual fee paid for the vehicle from which the plates were removed multiplied by the number of months remaining in the registration period represented by the removed plates, including the month during which the applicant transferred, ~~or~~ discontinued to use on the highways, ~~or~~ junked or registered under s. 341.266 (2) (a) the automobile from which the plates were removed if ~~such~~ the transfer, ~~or~~ discontinuance of use on the highways, ~~or~~ junking or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) occurred on or before the 15th day of the month.

**SECTION 12.** 341.31 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.31 (4) (b) A person retaining a set of plates removed from a vehicle under s. 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or (2) (c) and which was junked or transferred ~~or~~, is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement vehicle of the same type and gross weight.

**SECTION 13.** 342.14 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

342.14 (8) For transfer of registration or credits for registration to a vehicle currently titled in the name of the applicant, \$4, by the owner of the vehicle.

**SECTION 14. Initial applicability.** The treatment of section 341.266 (2) (intro.) and (3) of the statutes first applies to special interest vehicles registered on the effective date of this SECTION.

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**SECTION 15. Effective date.** This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after its publication.

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