

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 701

January 4, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, MUSSER, FREESE and KRAWCZYK. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 341.12 (1), 341.15 (1) (b), 341.26 (2m) (am) and 341.26 (2m)  
2             (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** registration plates for motor vehicles owned by  
3             the state or by a county, municipality, or federally recognized Indian tribe or  
4             band.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) issues two registration plates for most motor vehicles; the owner of the vehicle must display one plate to the front and one plate to the rear of the vehicle. However, DOT issues only one registration plate for a motor vehicle that is owned or leased by the state or by any county, municipality, or federally recognized Indian tribe or band in the state. DOT charges a \$5 fee when it issues a registration plate for the first time to a county, municipality, or federally recognized Indian tribe or band and a \$1 fee when a plate is transferred to a replacement vehicle owned by that entity.

This bill requires DOT to issue two registration plates that must be displayed on the front and the rear of a motor vehicle that is owned or leased by the state or by any county, municipality, or federally recognized Indian tribe or band in the state. Under the bill, DOT charges a \$10 fee when it issues registration plates for the first time to a county, municipality, or federally recognized Indian tribe or band. The bill does not change the fee for transferring the plates to a replacement vehicle.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 341.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           341.12 (1) The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to s. 341.25 or  
3 341.30 shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant 2 registration plates for an  
4 automobile, motor truck, motor bus, school bus, self-propelled recreational vehicle  
5 or dual purpose motor home and one plate for other vehicles. The Except as provided  
6 in s. 341.26 (2m), the department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to any other  
7 section shall issue one plate unless the department determines that 2 plates will  
8 better serve the interests of law enforcement.

9           **SECTION 2.** 341.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           341.15 (1) (b) For any other vehicle for which only one plate is issued, to the  
11 rear, except that a plate issued to or for a municipality under s. 341.26 (2m), 1999  
12 stats., may be attached to the front of the vehicle if the design or use of the vehicle  
13 is such as to make a plate attached to the rear difficult to see and read.

14           **SECTION 3.** 341.26 (2m) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           341.26 (2m) (am) A fee of \$5 \$10 shall be paid to the department for the original  
16 issuance of a ~~registration plate~~ 2 registration plates for any vehicle owned by this  
17 state or by any county or municipality or federally recognized Indian tribe or band  
18 in this state or leased to this state or to any county or municipality or federally  
19 recognized Indian tribe or band in this state, and operated exclusively, except for  
20 operation under s. 20.916 (7), in the public service by such state, county, municipality  
21 or Indian tribe or band. The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned

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1 and operated by the registrant or is leased to and operated by this state or by the  
2 county, municipality or Indian tribe or band, and the registrant complies with s.  
3 110.20 (6).

4 **SECTION 4.** 341.26 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.26 **(2m)** (b) If a vehicle is replaced, reassignment of ~~plate~~ the plates to the  
6 replacement vehicle shall be made with payment of \$1.

7 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

8 (1) This act first applies to registration plates issued by the department of  
9 transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

10 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

11 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after  
12 publication.

13 (END)