

2003 Senate Bill 109

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2003 WISCONSIN ACT 71

AN ACT *to amend* 341.135 (1); and *to create* 341.13 (2r) of the statutes; **relating to:** motor vehicle registration plates for veterans wounded in combat.

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

SECTION 1. 341.13 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

341.13 (2r) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration plates for a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32. shall display the words “combat-wounded veteran.” The department shall specify one combination of colors and design for a plate issued under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32., except that the department may not specify the colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in writing by the department of veterans affairs.

SECTION 2. 341.135 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.135 (1) DESIGN. Every 7th year, the department shall establish new designs of registration plates to be issued under ss. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), and (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), and (j) and (2) (a), (b), and (c), and 341.26 (2) and (3) (a) 1. and (am). Any design for registration plates issued for automobiles and

for vehicles registered on the basis of gross weight shall comply with the applicable design requirements of ss. 341.12 (3), 341.13, and 341.14 (6r) (c). The designs for registration plates specified in this subsection shall be as similar in appearance as practicable during each 7-year design interval. ~~Each~~ Except as provided in s. 341.13 (2r), each registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c), or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am) during each 7-year design interval shall be of the design established under this subsection. The department may not redesign registration plates for the special groups under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or 55. until July 1, 2007. Except for registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or 55., the first design cycle for registration plates issued under ss. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), and (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), and (j) and (2) (a), (b), and (c), and 341.26 (2) and (3) (a) 1. and (am) began July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to registration plates that are redesigned on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02 : Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].