

2003 SENATE BILL 109

April 9, 2003 – Introduced by Senators BROWN, SCHULTZ, ROESSLER, S. FITZGERALD, WIRCH, STEPP, A. LASEE and LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, TOWNSEND, TURNER, LADWIG, LOTHIAN, KRAWCZYK, FREESE, PETTIS, NASS, BIES, VAN ROY, LASSA, OLSEN, J. LEHMAN, STONE, KREUSER, SHILLING, MCCORMICK and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 341.143 of the statutes; **relating to:** registration plate decal
2 for recipients of the Purple Heart Medal military honor.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, recipients of the Purple Heart Medal military honor may obtain a special distinguishing license plate for most vehicles registered with the Department of Transportation (DOT). A fee, in addition to the regular registration fee for the person's vehicle, is assessed for the issuance or reissuance of the special distinguishing plate.

Under the bill, DOT provides a registration plate decal that displays the words "combat wounded veteran" to each person who has received or who applies to receive a special distinguishing plate relating to being a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. There is no charge for the decal.

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 341.143 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **341.143 Purple Heart recipient decals.** The department shall, free of
5 charge, procure, issue and deliver to each person who has received or who has applied

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1 to receive a special group plate under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32. one decal that displays the
2 words “combat wounded veteran” for each motor vehicle that is registered in the
3 name of that person and upon which the person displays a special group plate issued
4 under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32. Notwithstanding s. 341.61 (3), a decal issued under this
5 section shall be displayed in the manner directed by the department on the rear
6 registration plate of the vehicle registered in the name of the veteran to whom the
7 decal was issued. The department shall specify one combination of colors and design
8 for a decal issued under this section, except that the department may not specify the
9 colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in writing by the state
10 department of veterans affairs.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

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