



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 614

October 27, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, NISCHKE, LADWIG, MOLEPSKE, TURNER, PETTIS, VAN ROY, HINES, KRAWCZYK, TAYLOR, LEMAHIEU, OWENS, LOTHIAN, NASS, PLOUFF, FREESE, SERATTI and MORRIS, cosponsored by Senators KANAVAS, BRESKE, S. FITZGERALD, LASSA, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and *to create* 341.14 (6r) (f) 19e., 341.14
2 (6r) (f) 19m., 341.14 (6r) (f) 19s., 341.14 (6r) (f) 32e., 341.14 (6r) (f) 32m. and
3 341.14 (6r) (f) 32s. of the statutes; **relating to:** special distinguishing
4 registration plates for groups that are military in nature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for designation as an authorized special group. If the application is approved, members of the authorized special group may obtain special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes, that are owned or leased by special group members. A fee, in addition to the regular registration fee for the particular kind of vehicle, is assessed for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special distinguishing registration plates were specifically enumerated in state law. Current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

This bill creates exceptions to the general prohibition against specifically enumerating in state law special groups whose members may apply for special group registration plates. The bill establishes the following authorized groups that are military in nature: veterans of the war in Kosovo, Afghanistan, or Iraq, and recipients of the Air Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special

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group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 19e. of the statutes is created to read:

2 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 19e. Kosovo War veterans.

3 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 19m. of the statutes is created to read:

4 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 19m. Afghanistan War veterans.

5 **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 19s. of the statutes is created to read:

6 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 19s. Iraq War veterans.

7 **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 32e. of the statutes is created to read:

8 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 32e. Persons awarded the Air Medal.

9 **SECTION 5.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 32m. of the statutes is created to read:

10 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 32m. Persons awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

11 **SECTION 6.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 32s. of the statutes is created to read:

12 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 32s. Persons awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

13 **SECTION 7.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.14 **(6r)** (fm) 7. ~~Except for the authorized special group enumerated under~~
15 ~~par. (f) 55.,~~ after After October 1, 1998, additional authorized special groups may
16 only be special groups designated by the department under this paragraph. The
17 authorized special groups enumerated in par. (f) shall be limited solely to those
18 special groups specified under par. (f) on October 1, 1998, ~~except for the authorized~~

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1 ~~special group enumerated under par. (f) 55.~~ This subdivision does not apply to the

2 ~~special group~~ groups specified under par. (f) 19e., 19m., 19s., 32e., 32m., 32s., and 54.

3 (END)