

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 202

March 14, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives FREESE, GRONEMUS, BALLWEG, HAHN, HINES, KESTELL, KRAWCZYK, MUSSER, NISCHKE, OTT, PETROWSKI, PRIDEMORE, SUDER and M. WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senators BROWN, SCHULTZ, CARPENTER and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.395 (5) (cj), 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and
2 **to create** 341.14 (6r) (f) 3m., 341.14 (6r) (f) 6m., 341.14 (6r) (f) 9g., 341.14 (6r)
3 (f) 9m., 341.14 (6r) (f) 12g. and 341.14 (6r) (f) 12m. of the statutes; **relating to:**
4 special distinguishing registration plates for groups that are military in nature
5 and making an appropriation.

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: U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Naval Academy, U.S.

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Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the Civil Air Patrol. In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates, and \$10,200 of these fees are directed to the transportation fund to help pay for producing and issuing the 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.** 20.395 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.395 (5) (c) *Vehicle registration, special group plates, state funds.* From the
3 general fund, all moneys deposited under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. and 3. and (fm) 2., for
4 the purpose of producing and issuing special group plates under s. 341.14 (6r) and
5 making payments under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2.

6 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or
8 reissuance of the plates for special groups specified under par. (f). From the total of
9 fees collected under this subdivision for the issuance or reissuance of plates for the
10 special groups specified under par. (f) 3m., 6m., 9g., 9m., 12g., and 12m., the
11 department shall deposit into the general fund and credit to the appropriation
12 account under s. 20.395 (5) (c) the first \$10,200 of such fees.

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

14 341.14 (6r) (f) 3m. U.S. Military Academy.

15 **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 6m. of the statutes is created to read:

16 341.14 (6r) (f) 6m. U.S. Naval Academy.

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

18 341.14 (6r) (f) 9g. U.S. Air Force Academy.

