



2005 SENATE BILL 509

January 18, 2006 - Introduced by Senators HANSEN and BROWN, cosponsored by Representatives MONTGOMERY, NELSON, BERCEAU, COLON, SEIDEL, TOWNS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 27.01 (7) (f) 1., 27.01 (7) (f) 2., 27.01 (7) (f) 3., 27.01 (7) (f) 4.,
2 27.01 (7) (gm) 3., 27.01 (7) (gm) 4., 100.51 (5) (b) 1., 121.53 (4), 134.695 (2) (c),
3 167.31 (4) (cg) 5., 341.09 (1) (a), 341.09 (1) (b), 341.09 (2) (a), 341.09 (2) (d),
4 341.09 (9), 341.11 (4), 341.12 (1), 341.12 (2), 341.13 (2), 341.13 (2r), 341.135 (2)
5 (a) 1., 341.135 (2) (a) 2., 341.135 (2) (am), 341.135 (2) (e), 341.14 (1), 341.14 (1a),
6 341.14 (1m), 341.14 (1q), 341.14 (2), 341.14 (2m), 341.14 (5), 341.14 (6) (c),
7 341.14 (6) (d), 341.14 (6m) (a), 341.14 (6m) (b), 341.14 (6r) (b) 1., 341.14 (6r) (b)
8 2., 341.14 (6r) (g), 341.14 (7), 341.145 (1g) (a), 341.145 (1g) (b), 341.145 (1g) (c),
9 341.145 (1g) (d), 341.145 (1g) (e), 341.145 (1r), 341.145 (2) (intro.), 341.145 (3),
10 341.145 (8), 341.15 (1) (intro.), 341.15 (1) (b), 341.15 (2), 341.16 (1) (a), 341.16
11 (1) (b), 341.16 (2), 341.16 (2m), 341.16 (3), 341.16 (4), 341.265 (1), 341.265 (1m),
12 341.266 (2) (a), 341.266 (2) (c), 341.266 (2) (d), 341.266 (2) (e) 3., 341.266 (3),
13 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.), 341.268 (2) (c), 341.268 (2) (d), 341.268 (2) (e) 3., 341.268
14 (3), 341.27 (3) (a), 341.27 (3) (b), 341.28 (2) (intro.), 341.28 (2) (a), 341.28 (2) (b),

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1 341.28 (3), 341.28 (4) (intro.), 341.29 (2), 341.295 (3) (a), 341.295 (3) (b), 341.31
2 (1) (b) 5., 341.31 (4) (b), 341.31 (4) (c), 341.32 (1), 341.33 (2), 341.33 (3), 341.335
3 (1), 341.41 (8) (a), 341.47 (1) (intro.), 341.47 (3), 341.51 (2), 341.53, 341.625 (1),
4 341.63 (3), 342.05 (5), 342.15 (4) (a), 342.15 (4) (b), 342.15 (4) (c), 342.34 (1) (c),
5 342.34 (2) (c), 343.51 (1), 344.45 (1), 344.55 (2), 346.50 (2), 346.50 (2a) (intro.),
6 346.50 (2a) (a), 346.50 (2a) (b), 346.50 (2a) (c), 346.50 (2a) (d), 346.50 (2a) (e),
7 346.50 (2a) (f), 346.50 (2a) (g), 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2) (a), 346.505
8 (2) (b), 346.505 (2) (c), 349.13 (1m) and 885.237 (2); and *to create* 85.57 and
9 341.15 (1g) of the statutes; **relating to:** a single registration plate for motor
10 vehicles registered with the Department of Transportation and transfers from
11 the transportation fund to the general fund.

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 motor vehicle is required to display one plate on the front of the vehicle and one plate on the rear of the vehicle.

This bill directs DOT to issue only one registration plate for each motor vehicle. With limited exceptions, the registration plate must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

Under current law, beginning on July 1, 2007, moneys may not be transferred from the transportation fund to any other fund.

The bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2006–07, the secretary of administration transfer from the transportation fund to the general fund an amount in each fiscal year equal to the savings realized in the change to a single registration plate for motor vehicles.

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:

12 **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (7) (f) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 27.01 (7) (f) 1. Except as provided in par. (gm), the fee for an annual vehicle
2 admission receipt is \$19.50 for each vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration plates
3 plate, except that no fee is charged for a receipt issued under s. 29.235 (6).

4 **SECTION 2.** 27.01 (7) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 27.01 (7) (f) 2. Except as provided in subds. 3. and 4. and par. (gm) 4., the fee
6 for a daily vehicle admission receipt is \$4.85 for any vehicle which has a Wisconsin
7 registration plates plate.

8 **SECTION 3.** 27.01 (7) (f) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 27.01 (7) (f) 3. The fee for a daily vehicle admission receipt for a motor bus that
10 has a Wisconsin registration plates plate is \$9.85.

11 **SECTION 4.** 27.01 (7) (f) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 27.01 (7) (f) 4. Notwithstanding subd. 3., the fee for a daily vehicle admission
13 receipt for a motor bus which primarily transports residents from nursing homes
14 located in this state is \$3.35, for any motor bus which has a Wisconsin registration
15 plates plate.

16 **SECTION 5.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. Notwithstanding par. (f) 1., the fee for an annual vehicle
18 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration plates plate and that
19 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is \$9.50.

20 **SECTION 6.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. Notwithstanding par. (f) 2., the fee for a daily vehicle
22 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration plates plate and that
23 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is \$2.85.

24 **SECTION 7.** 85.57 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **85.57 Transfers from transportation fund to general fund.**
2 Notwithstanding s. 25.40 (3) (a), in fiscal year 2006-07, and in each fiscal year
3 thereafter, the secretary of administration shall transfer from the transportation
4 fund to the general fund an amount equal to the savings realized in that fiscal year
5 by the department as a result of issuing a single registration plate for motor vehicles
6 under s. 341.12 (1) instead of 2 registration plates.

7 **SECTION 8.** 100.51 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 100.51 (5) (b) 1. The motor vehicle displays a special registration plates plate
9 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification card
10 issued under s. 343.51 or is a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and
11 displays a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction that
12 designates that the vehicle is used by a physically disabled person.

13 **SECTION 9.** 121.53 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 121.53 (4) Every school board shall require that there be filed with it and with
15 the department of transportation a certificate of insurance showing that an
16 insurance policy has been procured and is in effect which covers the owner and
17 operator of the school bus and the school board or shall procure an insurance policy
18 and file such certificate with the department of transportation. Unless such
19 certificate is on file with the department of transportation, no registration plates
20 plate for a school bus may be issued by the department of transportation. No such
21 policy may be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason, unless
22 a notice thereof is filed with the department of transportation and with the school
23 board by the insurer at least 10 days prior to the date of termination or cancellation.
24 The department of transportation shall revoke the registration of a school bus on

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1 which the policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of termination
2 or cancellation.

3 **SECTION 10.** 134.695 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 134.695 (2) (c) The registration plate ~~numbers~~ number and the color, make,
5 model and year of any motor vehicle delivering the used home furnishings to the
6 antique dealer or recycler.

7 **SECTION 11.** 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. The vehicle bears a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued
9 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1r) or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches
10 square on which is conspicuously written "disabled hunter".

11 **SECTION 12.** 341.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.09 (1) (a) The department shall issue a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate
13 as provided under subs. (2), (2m) and (9) and may issue a temporary operation permit
14 or plate for an unregistered vehicle as otherwise provided under this section. Except
15 as provided in par. (b), the permits or ~~plates~~ plate shall contain the date of expiration
16 and sufficient information to identify the vehicle for which and the person to whom
17 it is issued. The department may place the information identifying the vehicle and
18 the person to whom the permit or plate is issued on a separate form. Except as
19 provided in subs. (3) to (5), a temporary operation plate issued under this section is
20 valid for a period of 90 days or until the applicant receives the regular registration
21 ~~plates~~ plate, whichever occurs first.

22 **SECTION 13.** 341.09 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.09 (1) (b) The department shall specify by rule the size, color, design, form
24 and specifications of temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an
25 ~~automobile or motor truck~~ automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight

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1 of 8,000 pounds or less, and the system to be used to identify the date of issuance of
2 such plates. All temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an
3 ~~automobile or motor truck~~ automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight
4 of 8,000 pounds or less shall contain ~~a~~ registration ~~number~~ numbers composed of
5 letters or numbers.

6 **SECTION 14.** 341.09 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.09 (2) (a) Upon request therefor by a person who has made a verifiable
8 application for registration and paid the registration fee, the department shall issue
9 a temporary operation permit or plate if it appears that the person would otherwise
10 be unable to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the registration ~~plates~~
11 plate.

12 **SECTION 15.** 341.09 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.09 (2) (d) The department may issue a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate
14 for use on any vehicle except buses, for-hire vehicles and vehicles which are subject
15 to registration under the international registration plan if the state is a party to such
16 plan or vehicles which are subject to registration under s. 341.41 (9). The department
17 shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications of the plate. The
18 department shall charge a fee of \$3 for each temporary operation plate issued under
19 this subsection.

20 **SECTION 16.** 341.09 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.09 (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department
22 shall issue a temporary operation plate without charge for an automobile or motor
23 truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less upon receipt of a complete
24 application accompanied by the required fee for registration of the vehicle, including
25 evidence of any inspection under s. 110.20 when required, if the department does not

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1 immediately issue the regular registration ~~plates~~ plate for the vehicle and the
2 department determines that the applicant has not otherwise been issued a
3 temporary operation plate under this section.

4 **SECTION 17.** 341.11 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.11 (4) In the case of a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight for
6 which ~~a special registration plates have~~ plate has been issued under s. 341.14 (2), (6),
7 (6m) or (6r) or for which ~~a personalized registration plates have~~ plate has been issued
8 under s. 341.145, or any motor bus, motor home, dual purpose motor home, motor
9 truck, truck tractor or road tractor, the certificate of registration shall be displayed
10 in a prominent place in the driver's compartment of the vehicle to which the
11 certificate refers. Any person who operates and any person in whose name the
12 vehicle is registered who consents to the operation of any such vehicle without the
13 certificate of registration being so displayed may be required to forfeit not more than
14 \$200.

15 **SECTION 18.** 341.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 341.12 (1) The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to s. 341.25 or
17 341.30 shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant ~~2 registration plates for an~~
18 ~~automobile, motor truck, motor bus, school bus, self-propelled recreational vehicle~~
19 ~~or dual purpose motor home and one plate for other vehicles. The department upon~~
20 ~~registering a vehicle pursuant to any other section shall issue one plate unless the~~
21 ~~department determines that 2 plates will better serve the interests of law~~
22 ~~enforcement~~ one registration plate.

23 **SECTION 19.** 341.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.12 (2) The department shall purchase plates from the Waupun
25 Correctional Institution unless otherwise approved by the governor. Subject to any

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1 specific requirements which may be imposed by statute, the department shall
2 determine the size, color and design of any registration ~~plates~~ plate with a view
3 toward making ~~them~~ the plate visible evidence of the period for which the vehicle is
4 registered and the fee class into which the vehicle falls as well as making ~~them~~ the
5 plate a ready means of identifying the specific vehicle or owner for which the ~~plates~~
6 were plate was issued.

7 **SECTION 20.** 341.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.13 (2) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration
9 ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight except a dual purpose
10 motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual purpose farm truck
11 registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (1r) (a), (2), (6m), or (6r) or 341.145 (1)
12 (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under
13 s. 341.14 (6) shall indicate the weight class into which the vehicle falls in a manner
14 prescribed by the department. The gross weight which determines the registration
15 fee for a dual purpose motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual
16 purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (1r) (a), (2), (6m),
17 or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck
18 registered under s. 341.14 (6) shall be shown on its certificate of registration.

19 **SECTION 21.** 341.13 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.13 (2r) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration
21 ~~plates~~ plate for a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32. shall display the words
22 “combat-wounded veteran.” The department shall specify one combination of colors
23 and design for a plate issued under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32., except that the department
24 may not specify the colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in
25 writing by the department of veterans affairs.

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1 **SECTION 22.** 341.135 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.135 (2) (a) 1. Beginning with registrations initially effective on
3 July 1, 2000, upon receipt of a completed application to initially register a vehicle
4 under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), except s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53.,
5 54., or 55., or s. 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a)
6 1. or (am), the department shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant 2 one new
7 registration ~~plates~~ plate of the design established under sub. (1).

8 **SECTION 23.** 341.135 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
9 25, is amended to read:

10 341.135 (2) (a) 2. Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3), beginning with registrations
11 initially effective on July 1, 2010, upon receipt of a completed application to initially
12 register a vehicle under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), or s. 341.25
13 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am), or to renew
14 the registration of a vehicle under those sections for which a registration plate has
15 not been issued during the previous 10 years, the department shall issue and deliver
16 prepaid to the applicant 2 one new registration ~~plates~~ plate of the design established
17 for that 10-year period under sub. (1).

18 **SECTION 24.** 341.135 (2) (am) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
19 25, is amended to read:

20 341.135 (2) (am) Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3) and (3m), beginning with
21 registrations initially effective on July 1, 2000, upon receipt of a completed
22 application to renew the registration of a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (1a),
23 (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), except s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or 55., or s. 341.25
24 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) for which a registration plate of the design
25 established under sub. (1) has not been issued, the department may issue and deliver

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1 prepaid to the applicant ~~2 one~~ new registration ~~plates~~ plate of the design established
2 under sub. (1). This paragraph does not apply to any registration ~~plates~~ plate issued
3 under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 52., 1997 stats. This paragraph does not apply after June 30,
4 2010.

5 **SECTION 25.** 341.135 (2) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
6 25, is amended to read:

7 341.135 (2) (e) The department shall issue ~~a~~ new registration ~~plates~~ plate of
8 the design established under sub. (1) for every vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (1a),
9 (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c), or
10 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am) after July 1, 2010.

11 **SECTION 26.** 341.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.14 (1) If any resident of this state who is registering or has registered an
13 automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck
14 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a
15 gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home submits a statement
16 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from the U.S. department of
17 veterans affairs certifying to the department that the resident is, by reason of
18 injuries sustained while in the active U.S. military service, a person with a disability
19 that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and
20 deliver to the veteran, ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate
21 which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate.
22 The ~~plates~~ plate shall have a light blue background except for a white border not to
23 exceed one inch at top and bottom, and blue lettering, except that the word "VET"
24 and the identifying number shown on the ~~plates~~ plate shall be colored red. The ~~plates~~
25 plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact

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1 that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran and is entitled to the parking
2 privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall
3 be made for the issuance or renewal of ~~such plates~~ the plate.

4 **SECTION 27.** 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.14 (1a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an
6 automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck
7 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a
8 gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, submits a statement
9 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to
10 practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice
11 nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any
12 state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a
13 Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian
14 Science journal certifying to the department that the resident is a person with a
15 disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure,
16 issue and deliver to the disabled person ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of
17 ~~plates~~ the plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the
18 ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law
19 enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a nonveteran disabled
20 person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge
21 in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of ~~such~~
22 ~~plates~~ the plate.

23 **SECTION 28.** 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.14 (1m) If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once
25 every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice

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1 medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing
2 in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state,
3 from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian
4 Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal
5 certifying that another person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for
6 transportation is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk,
7 the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver ~~plates~~ a plate of a special
8 design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile
9 or motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross
10 weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more
11 than 12,000 pounds or motor home, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate
12 shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the
13 vehicle is operated by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly
14 dependent and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No
15 charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal
16 of the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub.
17 (1a).

18 **SECTION 29.** 341.14 (1q) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.14 (1q) If any employer who provides an automobile, or a motor truck, dual
20 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more
21 than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000
22 pounds or a motor home, for an employee's use submits to the department a
23 statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician
24 licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed
25 to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to

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1 practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state
2 or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the
3 Christian Science journal certifying that the employee is a person with a disability
4 that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to
5 such employer ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which
6 ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The
7 ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the
8 fact that the vehicle is operated by a disabled person and is entitled to the parking
9 privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee may
10 be made for the issuance or renewal of the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall
11 conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub. (1a).

12 **SECTION 30.** 341.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.14 (2) Upon compliance with the laws relating to registration of
14 automobiles and motor homes; motor trucks, dual purpose motor homes, and dual
15 purpose farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds; and
16 farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, including
17 payment of the prescribed registration fees therefor plus an additional fee of \$15
18 when a registration plates are plate is issued accompanied by an application showing
19 satisfactory proof that the applicant is the holder of an unexpired amateur radio
20 station license issued by the federal communications commission, the department
21 shall issue a registration plates plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration
22 number, shall be inscribed in large legible form the call letters of such applicant as
23 assigned by the federal communications commission. The fee for reissuance of a
24 plate under this subsection shall be \$15.

25 **SECTION 31.** 341.14 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.14 **(2m)** Upon compliance with laws relating to registration of motor
2 vehicles, including payment of the prescribed fee, and an additional fee of \$15 when
3 the original or new registration ~~plates are~~ plate is issued and accompanied by an
4 application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant has a collector's
5 identification number as provided in s. 341.266 (2) (d), the department shall issue a
6 registration ~~plates~~ plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration number, shall be
7 inscribed the collector's identification number issued under s. 341.266 (2) (d). The
8 words "VEHICLE COLLECTOR" shall be inscribed across the lower or upper portion
9 of the plate at the discretion of the department. Additional registrations under this
10 subsection by the same collector shall bear the same collector's identification number
11 followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification. Registration plates issued under
12 this subsection shall expire annually.

13 **SECTION 32.** 341.14 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.14 **(5)** Upon application by any person awarded the congressional medal
15 of honor and submission of proper proof thereof, the department shall issue a special
16 ~~plates~~ plate so designed as to indicate such award. No charge whatever shall be made
17 for the issuance of such ~~plates~~ plate.

18 **SECTION 33.** 341.14 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.14 **(6)** (c) A person who maintains no more than one registration under this
20 subsection at one time shall not be charged a fee for registration of the vehicle or
21 issuance of the ~~plates~~ plate.

22 **SECTION 34.** 341.14 (6) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.14 **(6)** (d) For each additional vehicle, a person who maintains more than
24 one registration under this subsection at one time shall be charged a fee of \$15 for
25 issuance or reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate in addition to the annual registration fee

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1 for the vehicle. Except as provided in par. (c), a motor truck or dual purpose farm
2 truck registered under this subsection shall be registered under this paragraph.

3 **SECTION 35.** 341.14 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.14 **(6m)** (a) Upon application to register an automobile or a motor home,
5 or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home, or dual purpose farm truck which has
6 a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross
7 weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state
8 and a member or retired member of the national guard, the department shall issue
9 to the person a special plates plate whose colors and design shall be determined by
10 the department and which ~~have~~ has the words "Wisconsin guard member" placed on
11 the ~~plates~~ plate in the manner designated by the department. The department shall
12 consult with or obtain the approval of the adjutant general with respect to any word
13 or symbol used to identify the national guard. An additional fee of \$15 shall be
14 charged for the issuance or reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate. Registration plates issued
15 under this subsection shall expire annually.

16 **SECTION 36.** 341.14 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.14 **(6m)** (b) Except as provided in par. (c), if an individual in possession of
18 a special plates plate under this subsection or of a personalized plates plate under
19 s. 341.145 (1) (b) does not maintain membership in the national guard during a year
20 which is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~
21 plate in a manner prescribed by the department.

22 **SECTION 37.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 1. Upon application to register an automobile or motor home,
24 or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a
25 gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross weight

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1 of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a
2 member of an authorized special group, the department shall issue to the person a
3 special ~~plates~~ plate whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle is owned
4 by a person who is a member of the applicable special group. The department may
5 not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 55. until 6 months after the
6 department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that
7 any approvals required for use of any logo, trademark, trade name or other
8 commercial symbol designating the professional football team have been obtained.

9 **SECTION 38.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
10 25, is amended to read:

11 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or
12 reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate for special groups specified under par. (f), except that
13 no additional fee may be charged under this subdivision for the issuance or
14 reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate for special groups specified under par. (f) 1. to 32., 49.,
15 49m., 51., or 56.

16 **SECTION 39.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.14 (6r) (g) If an individual in possession of a special ~~plates~~ plate under par.
18 (f) 33., 34. or 48. or of a personalized ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same
19 color and design as a special ~~plates~~ plate under par. (f) 33., 34. or 48. does not
20 maintain membership in the applicable authorized special group during a year that
21 is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~ plate
22 in a manner prescribed by the department.

23 **SECTION 40.** 341.14 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.14 (7) The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for
25 a registration ~~plates~~ plate under sub. (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1q) relating to the

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1 parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request
2 enforcement of s. 346.505.

3 **SECTION 41.** 341.145 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.145 (1g) (a) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
5 plate under sub. (1) (b) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
6 341.14 (6m).

7 **SECTION 42.** 341.145 (1g) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.145 (1g) (b) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
9 plate under sub. (1) (c) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
10 341.14 (6r).

11 **SECTION 43.** 341.145 (1g) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.145 (1g) (c) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
13 plate under sub. (1) (d) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
14 341.14 (1).

15 **SECTION 44.** 341.145 (1g) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 341.145 (1g) (d) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
17 plate under sub. (1) (e) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
18 341.14 (1a), (1m) or (1q).

19 **SECTION 45.** 341.145 (1g) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.145 (1g) (e) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
21 plate under sub. (1) (f) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
22 341.14 (6w).

23 **SECTION 46.** 341.145 (1r) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.145 (1r) In lieu of the procedure under s. 341.13 (2), the department may
2 issue a distinguishing tags or decals for tag or decal for a personalized registration
3 plates plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight.

4 **SECTION 47.** 341.145 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.145 (2) (intro.) The department shall issue a personalized registration
6 plates plate only upon request and if:

7 **SECTION 48.** 341.145 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.145 (3) In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25
9 (1) (a), (c) or (j) or (2) or 341.26 (3) (a) 2. or (am), the applicant for a personalized
10 registration plate issued on an annual basis shall pay a fee of \$15 for the issuance
11 of the plate and \$15 in each succeeding year to maintain the plate. In addition to the
12 regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (b) or 341.26 (3) (a) 1., the
13 applicant for a personalized registration plate issued on a biennial basis shall pay
14 a fee of \$30 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued during the first year of the
15 biennial registration period or \$15 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued
16 during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. The fee to maintain a
17 personalized plate issued on a biennial basis is \$30. The fee for reissuance of a
18 personalized plate shall be \$15 for an annual registration and \$30 for a biennial
19 registration. An applicant for a personalized plates plate issued under sub. (1) (b)
20 or (c) shall not be required to pay the fee for initial issuance of the plates plate.

21 **SECTION 49.** 341.145 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.145 (8) The department may cancel and order the return of any
23 personalized registration plates plate issued which contain contains any
24 combination of letters or numbers, or both, which the department determines may
25 carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or which may be misleading.

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1 Any person ordered to return ~~such plates~~ a plate under this subsection shall either
2 be reimbursed for any additional fees they paid for the ~~plates~~ plate for the
3 registration year in which they are recalled, or be given at no additional cost a
4 replacement personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate, the issuance of which is in
5 compliance with the statutes. A person who fails to return a personalized
6 registration ~~plates~~ plate upon request of the department may be required to forfeit
7 not more than \$200.

8 **SECTION 50.** 341.15 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.15 (1) (intro.) ~~Whenever 2 registration plates are issued for a vehicle, one~~
10 ~~plate shall be attached to the front and one to the rear of the vehicle.~~ Whenever only
11 one registration plate is issued for a vehicle, the plate shall be attached as follows:

12 **SECTION 51.** 341.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

17 **SECTION 52.** 341.15 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

18 341.15 (1g) The owner of any vehicle for which 2 registration plates were issued
19 before the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date], may remove and
20 destroy one registration plate from the vehicle but is not required to do so until such
21 time as the department issues a new plate upon the renewal of registration of the
22 vehicle. If a person removes and destroys one plate, the remaining plate must comply
23 with the requirements of sub. (1).

24 **SECTION 53.** 341.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.15 (2) ~~Registration plates~~ A registration plate shall be attached firmly and
2 rigidly in a horizontal position and conspicuous place. The ~~plates~~ plate shall at all
3 times be maintained in a legible condition and shall be so displayed that ~~they~~ it can
4 be readily and distinctly seen and read. Any peace officer may require the operator
5 of any vehicle on which ~~plates are~~ a plate is not properly displayed to display ~~such~~
6 ~~plates~~ the plate as required by this section.

7 **SECTION 54.** 341.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.16 (1) (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the
9 owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the
10 department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon
11 satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of
12 \$2 for each the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

13 **SECTION 55.** 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.16 (1) (b) Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a special plate
15 issued under s. 341.14 (6m) (a), (6r) (b), or (6w) or a special personalized plate issued
16 under s. 341.145 (1) (b), (c), or (f) and upon payment of a fee of \$5 for each the plate
17 or, if the plate is for a special group specified under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 35. to 47. or 53.,
18 \$6 for each the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

19 **SECTION 56.** 341.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.16 (2) Whenever a current registration plate becomes illegible, the owner
21 of the vehicle to which the plate is attached shall apply to the department for a
22 replacement. Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon receipt of satisfactory proof of
23 illegibility, and upon payment of a fee of \$2 for each the plate, the department shall
24 issue a replacement. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy
25 the illegible plate.

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1 **SECTION 57.** 341.16 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.16 **(2m)** Upon request therefor and payment of a fee of \$10, the department
3 may issue an applicant for ~~a replacement plates~~ plate for an automobile registered
4 pursuant to the registration system under s. 341.27 ~~a registration plates~~ plate of the
5 design specified in s. 341.13 for the plate issuance cycle next succeeding the cycle
6 under which the original ~~plates were~~ plate was issued. The department may limit
7 the receipt of requests under this subsection to applicants for a renewal registration
8 of a motor vehicle.

9 **SECTION 58.** 341.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.16 **(3)** When issuing a replacement plate, the department may assign a
11 new number and issue a new plate rather than a duplicate of the original if in its
12 judgment that is in the best interests of economy or prevention of fraud. Upon receipt
13 of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy ~~all plates~~ the plate replaced.

14 **SECTION 59.** 341.16 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.16 **(4)** Any person issued ~~a replacement plates~~ plate who fails to destroy
16 the original ~~plates~~ plate as required by sub. (2) or (3) may be required to forfeit not
17 more than \$200.

18 **SECTION 60.** 341.265 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.265 **(1)** Any person who is a resident of this state and the owner or
20 subsequent transferee of a motor vehicle which has a model year of 1945 or earlier
21 and which has not been altered or modified from the original manufacturer's
22 specifications may upon application register the same as an antique vehicle upon
23 payment of a fee of \$5, and be furnished ~~a registration plates~~ plate of a distinctive
24 design, in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~ plate, which shall show in addition to
25 the registration number that the vehicle is an antique. The registration shall be

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1 valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any
2 additional fee. The vehicle shall only be used for special occasions such as display
3 and parade purposes or for necessary testing, maintenance and storage purposes.
4 A motorcycle may be registered as an antique vehicle if all of the requirements for
5 registration specified in this subsection are satisfied.

6 **SECTION 61.** 341.265 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.265 (1m) A person who registers an antique motor vehicle under sub. (1)
8 may furnish and display on the vehicle a historical plate from or representing the
9 model year of the vehicle if the registration and ~~plates~~ plate issued by the department
10 are simultaneously carried in or, with respect to an antique motorcycle, with the
11 vehicle and are available for inspection.

12 **SECTION 62.** 341.266 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.266 (2) (a) Any person who is the owner of a special interest vehicle that
14 is 20 or more years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer
15 of title of the vehicle and who, unless the owner is an historical society that is exempt
16 from federal income taxes, owns, has registered in this state, and uses for regular
17 transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate may
18 upon application register the vehicle as a special interest vehicle upon payment of
19 a fee under par. (b).

20 **SECTION 63.** 341.266 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.266 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a
22 registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~
23 plate, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a special interest
24 vehicle owned by a Wisconsin collector. Upon application, the owner may reregister
25 the vehicle without the payment of any additional fee.

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1 **SECTION 64.** 341.266 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.266 (2) (d) Each collector applying for a special interest vehicle registration
3 ~~plates~~ plate will be issued a collector's identification number which will appear on
4 each the plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the
5 same collector will bear the same collector's identification number followed by a
6 suffix letter for vehicle identification.

7 **SECTION 65.** 341.266 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.266 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no special interest vehicle
9 may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January unless
10 the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the
11 distinctive registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under par. (c) with a regular registration
12 ~~plates~~ plate or transfers a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate to the vehicle.

13 **SECTION 66.** 341.266 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.266 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first
15 time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original collector's
16 special interest vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate and to ensure that each collector will
17 be issued only one collector's identification number.

18 **SECTION 67.** 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) Any person who is the owner of a reconstructed, replica,
20 street modified or homemade vehicle and who owns, has registered in this state and
21 uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration
22 ~~plates~~ plate may upon application register the vehicle as a reconstructed, replica,
23 street modified or homemade vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b), provided
24 that the vehicle is one of the following:

25 **SECTION 68.** 341.268 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.268 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a
2 registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~
3 plate, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a reconstructed,
4 replica, street modified or homemade vehicle owned by a Wisconsin hobbyist. Upon
5 application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any
6 additional fee.

7 **SECTION 69.** 341.268 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.268 (2) (d) Each hobbyist applying for a reconstructed, replica, street
9 modified or homemade vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate will be issued a hobbyist's
10 identification number which will appear on each the plate. Second and all
11 subsequent registrations under this section by the same hobbyist will bear the same
12 hobbyist's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification.

13 **SECTION 70.** 341.268 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.268 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no reconstructed, replica,
15 street modified or homemade vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state
16 during the month of January unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle
17 under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under
18 par. (c) with a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate or transfers a regular registration
19 ~~plates~~ plate to the vehicle.

20 **SECTION 71.** 341.268 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.268 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first
22 time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original hobbyist's
23 reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate
24 and to ensure that each hobbyist will be issued only one hobbyist's identification
25 number.

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1 **SECTION 72.** 341.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.27 (3) (a) If the applicant holds a current registration plates that were plate
3 that was removed from an automobile that the applicant no longer owns or that has
4 been junked, is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special
5 interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified
6 or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued
7 under the system of registration prescribed by this section, the department shall
8 register the automobile which is the subject of the application for the remainder of
9 the unexpired registration period.

10 **SECTION 73.** 341.27 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.27 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration plates plate
12 under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original
13 rather than renewal application, the department may register the automobile which
14 is the subject of the application for such period or part thereof as the secretary
15 determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the
16 department.

17 **SECTION 74.** 341.28 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.28 (2) (intro.) If the applicant for registration holds a current registration
19 ~~plates which were~~ plate that was removed from an automobile which the applicant
20 no longer owns or which has been junked, is no longer being used on the highways
21 or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a
22 reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a),
23 and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued under the system of registration prescribed by
24 s. 341.27, the applicant is exempt from the payment of a registration fee, except in
25 the following cases:

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1 **SECTION 75.** 341.28 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.28 (2) (a) If the annual fee prescribed for the automobile being registered
3 is higher than the annual fee prescribed for the automobile from which the ~~plates~~
4 ~~were~~ plate was removed, the applicant shall pay a fee computed on the basis of
5 one-twelfth of the difference between the 2 annual fees multiplied by the number of
6 months for which the automobile which is the subject of the application is being
7 registered. The start of the new registration, for the purpose of computing the fee,
8 shall be determined in accordance with sub. (7).

9 **SECTION 76.** 341.28 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.28 (2) (b) If the automobile which is the subject of the application was
11 owned by the applicant at any time during the month in which the transfer,
12 termination of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking
13 or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) of the other automobile
14 occurred and was not currently registered at the time of such transfer, termination
15 of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking or registration
16 under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a), the applicant shall pay a fee to be computed
17 as provided in subs. (3) to (5) but shall receive a credit for the unused portion of the
18 current registration. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the
19 annual fee paid for the vehicle from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed
20 multiplied by the number of months remaining in the registration period
21 represented by the removed ~~plates~~ plate, including the month during which the
22 applicant transferred, discontinued to use on the highways, junked or registered
23 under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) or terminated the consumer lease of the
24 automobile from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed.

25 **SECTION 77.** 341.28 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.28 (3) If the applicant does not hold a current registration plates plate
2 under the circumstances described in sub. (2) and the automobile which is the subject
3 of the application has not previously been registered in this state by the applicant,
4 the fee payable by the applicant shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the
5 annual fee multiplied by the number of months for which the automobile is being
6 registered, the start of such registration period to be determined in accordance with
7 sub. (7).

8 **SECTION 78.** 341.28 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.28 (4) (intro.) If the applicant does not hold a current registration plates
10 plate under the circumstances described in sub. (2) but the automobile which is the
11 subject of the application has previously been registered in this state by the
12 applicant, the applicant shall pay a fee covering all the time since the end of the
13 period for which the automobile previously was registered unless:

14 **SECTION 79.** 341.29 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.29 (2) If an application for registration of a vehicle subject to registration
16 on an annual or biennial basis is received less than 2 months prior to the beginning
17 of any registration period and the vehicle is not registered in this state at the time
18 of application and the applicant desires to register for the succeeding registration
19 period as well as for the remainder of the current period, the department upon
20 registering the vehicle shall issue a registration plates plate designed for the
21 succeeding registration period rather than for the current period. Such plates also
22 serve The plate also serves during the remainder of the current registration period
23 as lawful evidence of the registration of the vehicle. This subsection does not affect
24 computation of fee payable by the applicant.

25 **SECTION 80.** 341.295 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.295 (3) (a) If the applicant holds a registration ~~plates which were~~ plate that
2 was removed from a vehicle under s. 341.31 (4) (c), 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or
3 (2) (c), and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued under the monthly series system, the
4 department shall register a replacement vehicle of the same type and gross weight
5 which is the subject of the application for the remainder of the unexpired registration
6 period.

7 **SECTION 81.** 341.295 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.295 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate
9 under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original
10 rather than renewal application, the department may register the vehicle which is
11 the subject of the application for such period or part of a period as the secretary
12 determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the
13 department.

14 **SECTION 82.** 341.31 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.31 (1) (b) 5. The vehicle is a motorcycle which has been transferred or
16 leased to the applicant and for which a current registration ~~plates~~ plate had been
17 issued to the previous owner; or

18 **SECTION 83.** 341.31 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.31 (4) (b) A person retaining a ~~set of plates~~ plate removed from a vehicle
20 under s. 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or (2) (c) and which was junked or transferred,
21 is no longer leased to the person or used on the highways or has been registered as
22 a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street
23 modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a) may receive credit for the
24 unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement vehicle
25 of the same type and gross weight.

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1 **SECTION 84.** 341.31 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.31 (4) (c) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a motorcycle
3 may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when
4 registering a replacement motorcycle.

5 **SECTION 85.** 341.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 341.32 (1) Whenever the construction or the use of a registered vehicle is
7 changed in a manner making the vehicle subject to a different registration fee than
8 the fee for which the vehicle currently is registered, the owner shall immediately
9 make application for reregistration. The fee payable upon such reregistration shall
10 be computed as for a vehicle not previously registered in this state but a credit shall
11 be allowed for the unused portion of the fee paid for the previous registration if the
12 registration plates plate issued upon the previous registration ~~are~~ is returned to the
13 department. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual
14 registration fee or one twenty-fourth of the biennial registration fee prescribed for
15 the vehicle as previously registered multiplied by the number of months of
16 registration which have not fully expired on the date the vehicle became subject to
17 the different fee. The credit may be applied toward the reregistration of the vehicle
18 only up to the date when the previous registration would have expired.

19 **SECTION 86.** 341.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.33 (2) The department shall refund the unused portion of a registration fee
21 paid for the registration of a vehicle owned by a person who is entering active service
22 in the naval or military forces of the United States if the person makes application
23 for such refund upon a form prescribed by the department, furnishes such proof as
24 the department may require that the vehicle will not be operated in this or another
25 state during the remainder of the period for which the vehicle is registered, and

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1 returns to the department the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~ plate.
2 The refund shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual registration
3 fee or one twenty-fourth of the biennial registration fee paid for the vehicle,
4 multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the period for which the vehicle
5 is registered when the vehicle ceases to be operated.

6 **SECTION 87.** 341.33 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.33 (3) Upon request, the department shall refund ~~50%~~ 50 percent of a
8 registration fee paid for a vehicle registered on a biennial basis if the person who
9 registered the vehicle furnishes such proof as the department requires that the
10 person has transferred his or her interest in the vehicle or terminated leasing the
11 vehicle before the beginning of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is
12 registered or that the vehicle will not be operated in this state after the beginning
13 of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is registered. The department may
14 require the person to return the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~
15 plate for the vehicle to the department. Except as provided in sub. (1), the
16 department may not refund more than ~~50%~~ 50 percent of the fee paid for the
17 registration of a vehicle registered on a biennial basis.

18 **SECTION 88.** 341.335 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.335 (1) Whenever any person, after applying for and receiving a
20 registration ~~plates~~ plate, moves from the address named in the application for the
21 registration ~~plates~~ plate or when the name of the licensee is changed by marriage or
22 otherwise, the person shall within 10 days notify the department in writing of the
23 old and new address or of such former and new names and of all registration plate
24 numbers held.

25 **SECTION 89.** 341.41 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.41 (8) (a) Residents of the state operating a fleet of 3 or more units
2 consisting of trucks, truck tractors or road tractors with a gross weight of not less
3 than 12,000 pounds shall display a Wisconsin registration plates plate for which
4 ~~100%~~ 100 percent of the fee has been paid on vehicles not exempt from Wisconsin
5 registration and operated in intrastate commerce. Vehicles engaged in interstate
6 commerce may display a Wisconsin prorated registration plates plate for which a
7 proportional registration fee has been paid in addition to a full fee registration plate
8 from another jurisdiction. Such proportional registration shall be accomplished
9 either by payment to the department of registration fees in an amount equal to that
10 obtained by applying the proportion of in-state fleet miles divided by the total fleet
11 miles to the total fees which would otherwise be required for the registration of all
12 such vehicles in this state, or by registration of a portion of such vehicles as
13 determined under this subsection. The department may refuse to permit any or all
14 of such vehicles to be registered under apportionment if the department is not
15 satisfied that this state will obtain a fair and equitable share of license registrations
16 of the vehicles comprising such fleet.

17 **SECTION 90.** 341.47 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.47 (1) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (2), any motor vehicle,
19 recreational vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is owned or repossessed by, or
20 consigned for sale to, a dealer, distributor or manufacturer may be operated on the
21 highways of this state for either private or business purposes without being
22 registered if the vehicle has displayed upon it a valid registration plates plate issued
23 under s. 341.51 to the dealer, distributor or manufacturer and the vehicle:

24 **SECTION 91.** 341.47 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.47 (3) A vehicle which is being transported in tow on its own wheels or
2 under its own power from the manufacturer to the distributor, dealer or branch of the
3 manufacturer, or from the distributor or dealer to another distributor or dealer or to
4 the manufacturer or branch of the manufacturer, or from the branch of the
5 manufacturer to the distributor, dealer or manufacturer by a transporter of vehicles
6 need not be registered if such vehicle has displayed upon it a valid registration plates
7 plate issued to the transporter pursuant to s. 341.51. The requirement under this
8 subsection that the vehicle be transported in tow on its own wheels or under its own
9 power does not apply to trailers, semitrailers or truck tractors.

10 **SECTION 92.** 341.51 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.51 (2) Upon registering a dealer, distributor, manufacturer or transporter
12 the department also shall issue ~~2~~ one registration ~~plates~~ plate. The department,
13 upon receiving a fee of \$5 for each additional plate desired by a dealer, distributor
14 or manufacturer of motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers, \$5 for each additional
15 plate desired by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer of recreational vehicles and \$5
16 for each additional plate desired by a transporter, shall issue to the registered dealer,
17 distributor, manufacturer or transporter the additional plates as ordered. The
18 department may charge a fee of \$2 per plate for replacing lost, damaged or illegible
19 plates issued under this subsection.

20 **SECTION 93.** 341.53 of the statutes is amended to read:

21 **341.53 Expiration of registration; transferability of plates plate.**
22 Certificates of registration and registration plates issued to dealers, distributors,
23 manufacturers or transporters shall be issued for the calendar year and are valid
24 only during the calendar year for which issued. ~~Registration plates are~~ A
25 registration plate is transferable from one motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to

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1 another motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer and from one recreational vehicle to
2 another.

3 **SECTION 94.** 341.625 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.625 (1) Any person who fraudulently procures or uses a special
5 registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a)
6 shall forfeit not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

7 **SECTION 95.** 341.63 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.63 (3) Whenever the registration of a vehicle is suspended under this
9 section or ch. 344, the department may order the owner or person in possession of the
10 registration ~~plates~~ plate to return ~~them~~ it to the department. Any person who fails
11 to return the ~~plates~~ plate when ordered to do so by the department may be required
12 to forfeit not more than \$200.

13 **SECTION 96.** 342.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 342.05 (5) Unless otherwise authorized by rule of the department, a
15 nonresident owner of a vehicle that is not subject to registration in this state may not
16 apply for a certificate of title under this chapter unless the vehicle is subject to a
17 security interest or except as provided in s. 342.16 (1) (a). Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of this section, a nonresident may purchase a temporary operation ~~plates~~
19 plate under s. 341.09 (4). Any temporary operation permit or plate issued under s.
20 341.09 shall not be considered registration of the vehicle for purposes of this
21 subsection.

22 **SECTION 97.** 342.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 342.15 (4) (a) If the vehicle being transferred is a motorcycle or an automobile
24 registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor
25 home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000

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1 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the
2 owner shall remove the registration plates plate and retain and preserve ~~them~~ the
3 plate for use on any other vehicle of the same type and gross weight which may
4 subsequently be registered in his or her name.

5 **SECTION 98.** 342.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 342.15 (4) (b) If the vehicle being transferred is a vehicle registered under s.
7 341.26 at a special fee and the new owner will not be entitled to register the vehicle
8 at such fee, the transferor shall remove and destroy the plates plate.

9 **SECTION 99.** 342.15 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 342.15 (4) (c) In all other cases the transferor shall permit the plates plate to
11 remain attached to the vehicle being transferred, except that if the vehicle has been
12 junked the transferor shall remove and destroy the plates plate.

13 **SECTION 100.** 342.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 342.34 (1) (c) If the vehicle is a motorcycle or an automobile registered under
15 s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose
16 farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck
17 which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the owner shall remove
18 the registration plates plate and retain and preserve ~~them~~ the plate for use on any
19 other vehicle of the same type which may subsequently be registered in his or her
20 name. If the vehicle is not a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27,
21 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm
22 truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck which
23 has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, he or she shall remove and
24 destroy the plates plate.

25 **SECTION 101.** 342.34 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 342.34 (2) (c) Remove and either retain or destroy the registration plates plate
2 for the vehicle as provided in sub. (1) (c).

3 **SECTION 102.** 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for a registration plates plate of a special
5 design under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or any other person with a disability that
6 limits or impairs the ability to walk may request from the department a special
7 identification card that will entitle any motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle,
8 parked by, or under the direction of, the person, or a motor vehicle, other than a
9 motorcycle, operated by or on behalf of the organization when used to transport such
10 a person, to parking privileges under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) and (3). The department shall
11 issue the card at a fee to be determined by the department, upon submission by the
12 applicant, if the applicant is an individual rather than an organization, of a
13 statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an
14 advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician
15 assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed
16 to practice chiropractic in any state or from a Christian Science practitioner residing
17 in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal that the person is a person
18 with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The statement shall state
19 whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of
20 the physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, chiropractor or
21 practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The department shall issue the card
22 upon application by an organization on a form prescribed by the department if the
23 department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this
24 subsection.

25 **SECTION 103.** 344.45 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 344.45 (1) Whenever a person's operating privilege or registration is suspended
2 under this chapter, the department may order the person to surrender to the
3 department his or her operator's license and the registration ~~plates~~ plate of the any
4 vehicle ~~or vehicles~~ for which registration was suspended. If the person fails
5 immediately to return the operator's license or registration ~~plates~~ plate to the
6 department, the department may direct a traffic officer to take possession thereof
7 and return them to the department.

8 **SECTION 104.** 344.55 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 344.55 (2) The department may not issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate for such
10 a vehicle unless there is on file with the department a certificate of insurance
11 showing that the vehicle is insured in compliance with sub. (1). No such policy may
12 be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason unless a notice thereof
13 is filed with the department at least 30 days prior to the date of termination or
14 cancellation. The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle on which
15 the insurance policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of
16 termination or cancellation.

17 **SECTION 105.** 346.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.50 (2) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a special
19 registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1) or (1r) (a) to a disabled veteran or on his
20 or her behalf is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in
21 any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased,
22 or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both
23 owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more
24 limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time
25 limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.

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1 Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the disabled veteran to
2 whom or on whose behalf the special ~~plates were~~ plate was issued and to qualified
3 operators acting under the disabled veteran's express direction with the disabled
4 veteran present.

5 **SECTION 106.** 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 346.50 (2a) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a
7 special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a)
8 or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card
9 issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another
10 jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued
11 by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically
12 disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking
13 in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased,
14 or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both
15 owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more
16 limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time
17 limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.
18 Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

19 **SECTION 107.** 346.50 (2a) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 346.50 (2a) (a) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
21 (1a).

22 **SECTION 108.** 346.50 (2a) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 346.50 (2a) (b) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
24 person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1a) when such person
25 is present.

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1 **SECTION 109.** 346.50 (2a) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 346.50 **(2a)** (c) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
3 (1m) when the disabled person for whom the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued is present.

4 **SECTION 110.** 346.50 (2a) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 346.50 **(2a)** (d) A person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s.
6 341.14 (1q).

7 **SECTION 111.** 346.50 (2a) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 346.50 **(2a)** (e) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
9 person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1q) when such
10 person is present.

11 **SECTION 112.** 346.50 (2a) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 346.50 **(2a)** (f) A person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
13 (1r) (a).

14 **SECTION 113.** 346.50 (2a) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 346.50 **(2a)** (g) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
16 person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1r) (a) when the
17 person is present.

18 **SECTION 114.** 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 346.50 **(3)** Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing a special
20 registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or
21 a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card
22 issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another
23 jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued
24 by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with
25 a physical disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity

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1 therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street,
2 highway or parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official
3 traffic signs indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges
4 granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a)
5 (a) to (m).

6 **SECTION 115.** 346.503 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 346.503 (1) In this section, “motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person”
8 means a motor vehicle bearing a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s.
9 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle,
10 upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a
11 motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate,
12 card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a
13 vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

14 **SECTION 116.** 346.505 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 346.505 (2) (a) Except for a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person
16 as defined under s. 346.503 (1), no person may park, stop or leave standing any
17 vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise,
18 upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic
19 signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration ~~plates~~
20 plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special
21 identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another
22 jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other
23 jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled
24 person.

25 **SECTION 117.** 346.505 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 346.505 (2) (b) No person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether
2 attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of
3 a street, highway or parking facility so as to obstruct, block or otherwise limit the use
4 of any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs
5 indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates plate
6 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification
7 card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and
8 displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
9 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

10 **SECTION 118.** 346.505 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 346.505 (2) (c) Notwithstanding par. (b), no person may park, stop or leave
12 standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or
13 otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility that is clearly
14 marked as and intended to be an access aisle to provide entry to and exit from
15 vehicles by persons with physical disabilities and which is immediately adjacent to
16 any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs
17 indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates plate
18 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a special identification
19 card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and
20 displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
21 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability.

22 **SECTION 119.** 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 349.13 (1m) In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the
24 department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and
25 parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to

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1 highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting
2 highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may,
3 by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping or
4 standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for any
5 vehicle bearing a special registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a),
6 (1e), (1m), (1q) or (1r) (a) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a
7 special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or any vehicle
8 registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem
9 issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a
10 physically disabled person.

11 **SECTION 120.** 885.237 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 885.237 (2) Notwithstanding s. 341.04, the fact that an automobile or motor
13 truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less is located on a highway, as
14 defined in s. 340.01 (22), and is not displaying a valid registration plates plate, a
15 temporary operation plate or other evidence of registration as provided under s.
16 341.18 (1) is prima facie evidence, for purposes of ch. 341, that the vehicle is an
17 unregistered or improperly registered vehicle.

18 **SECTION 121. Appropriation changes.**

19 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
20 to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as
21 affected by the acts of 2005, the dollar amount is decreased by \$878,200 for fiscal year
22 2006-07 to decrease funding for the issuance of registration plates by the
23 department of transportation.

24 **SECTION 122. Initial applicability.**

