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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Hansen

From: Aaron Gary, Legislative Attorney, (608) 261-6926

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2007 SB 141** (LRB-1845/1) by **DOT**

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Office of Policy, Budget and Finance

Date: April 30, 2007
To: Legislative Reference Bureau
From: Department of Transportation
Subject: Technical Note for 2007 SB 141

Section 4; page 3, line 22-23. The Department of Administration transfer in FY 10 and subsequent years (“and in each fiscal year thereafter”) of the amount equal to savings realized from issuing only one license plate will result in budget cuts in s. 20.395(5)(cq), Wis. Stats., that are unrelated to the license plate program. The appropriation spending authority reduction identified in Section 119 in FY 09 is a permanent base reduction for the license plate program. Once that spending reduction is taken and the base budget is reduced, there are no new and additional savings to be generated from continuing to issue one license plate.

Section 90; page 32, line 15. This section impacts the registration of motor vehicle dealers, distributors, manufacturers, and transporters, as opposed to specific types of vehicles. When these businesses register under chapter 341, Subchapter IV Registration of Dealers, Distributors, Manufacturers, Transporters and Finance Companies, s. 341.47, the Department issues two dealer license plates for each paid business license. These plates are attached to vehicles used during customer test drives, moving the vehicle from factory to dealer, when the manufacturer takes the vehicle on the road for test drives, and other business related purposes. Only one plate is temporarily attached to the vehicle when operated on the roadway. The change in this section of SB 141 will cause additional business expense for the above businesses to obtain the same number of license plates. It is inappropriate to change this section. Section 90 should be deleted and current language should continue.

Section 119; page 42, line 1. The appropriation reduction of \$878,200 is the single plate savings calculation for 2001 SB 366. Over the ensuing six years, a number of factors have changed that result in a new estimate of the savings generated from issuing one license plate. The updated appropriation reduction would be \$249,700.

Section 119; page 42, line 1-2. The appropriation reduction (whether \$878,200 in SB 141 or the \$249,700 estimated by the Department) represents a full year of savings in the license plate program from issuing only one license plate. If the actual effective date of the bill is after July 1, 2008 (see Section 121, page 42, line 8-9), the budget authority reduction from Chapter 20 would need to be reduced to reflect a partial year of savings in the license plate program.