

2007 SENATE BILL 563

March 10, 2008 – Introduced by Senator KAPANKE, cosponsored by Representative HUEBSCH. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 341.14 (6r) (g); and *to create* 341.14 (6r) (g)
2 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** special distinguishing registration plates for fire
3 fighters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles to members of certain authorized special groups enumerated by statute, including fire fighters. If a person issued special fire fighters' plates is no longer a fire fighter, the person must dispose of the special fire fighters' plates in a manner prescribed by DOT.

Under this bill, if a fire fighter has been issued special fire fighters' plates and the fire fighter retires, DOT must allow the fire fighter to retain the special plates. The retired fire fighter must notify DOT of his or her retirement and intent to retain the special plates and, upon receiving this notice, DOT must provide to the fire fighter, to be affixed to each of the special fire fighter plates, two decals displaying the word "retired."

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (g) 1. and
2 amended to read:

3 341.14 **(6r)** (g) 1. If Except as provided in subd. 2., if an individual in possession
4 of special plates under par. (f) 33., 34. or 48. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145
5 (1) (c) of the same color and design as special plates under par. (f) 33., 34. or 48. does
6 not maintain membership in the applicable authorized special group during a year
7 that is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special plates in
8 a manner prescribed by the department.

9 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6r) (g) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

10 341.14 **(6r)** (g) 2. If an individual in possession of special plates under par. (f)
11 33. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as
12 special plates under par. (f) 33. retires, the individual may retain these special plates.
13 Upon retirement, the individual shall notify the department, in the form and manner
14 prescribed by the department, of his or her retirement and intent to retain the special
15 plates. Upon receiving this notice, the department shall provide to the individual 2
16 decals, to be affixed to each of the special plates, displaying the word “retired” along
17 with instructions for placement of these decals on the special plates. If the
18 department subsequently reissues to the individual special plates under par. (f) 33.
19 or personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as special
20 plates under par. (f) 33., the department shall provide 2 additional decals. The
21 department may not charge a fee for providing the decals specified in this
22 subdivision.

23 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

