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1 **AN ACT to amend** 341.14 (1a), 341.14 (1e) (a), 341.14 (1m), 341.14 (1q) and 343.51
2 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** obtaining a special registration plate or special
3 identification card for disabled persons.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 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

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1 nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in
2 any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state,
3 from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to
4 practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing
5 in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying to the department
6 that the resident is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to
7 walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person plates
8 of a special design in lieu of plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle,
9 and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law
10 enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a nonveteran disabled
11 person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge
12 in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of such
13 plates.

14 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (1e) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.14 (1e) (a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered
16 a motorcycle, submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the
17 department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an
18 advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public
19 health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant
20 licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in
21 any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, from a
22 Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian
23 Science journal, or from the U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying to the
24 department that the resident is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the
25 ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled

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1 person a plate of a special design in lieu of the plate which ordinarily would be issued
2 for the motorcycle, and shall renew the plate. The statement shall state whether the
3 disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician,
4 advanced practice nurse, public health nurse, physician assistant, podiatrist,
5 chiropractor, practitioner, or U.S. department of veterans affairs as to the duration
6 of the disability. The plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement
7 officers of the fact that the motorcycle is owned by a disabled person and is entitled
8 to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the
9 registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plate.

10 **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.14 **(1m)** If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once
12 every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice
13 medicine in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in
14 any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state,
15 from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a
16 podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice
17 chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this
18 state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying that another person who
19 is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for transportation is a person with a
20 disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and
21 deliver to the licensed driver plates of a special design in lieu of the plates which
22 ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or motor truck, dual purpose motor
23 home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 8,000
24 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or motor
25 home, and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so designed as to readily

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1 apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a licensed
2 driver on whom a disabled person is regularly dependent and is entitled to the
3 parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the
4 registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates. The plates
5 shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

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

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

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1 **SECTION 5.** 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

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