

## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 169

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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 for  
3             disabled persons.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person may obtain a special registration plate or temporary certification that allows the person to park in spaces reserved for disabled drivers if the person provides the Department of Transportation with certification from a physician, an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or a Christian Science practitioner stating that the person has a disability that limits his or her ability to walk. This bill allows a public health nurse to provide the necessary certification to enable a person to obtain a special registration plate or temporary certification for disabled drivers.

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***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

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

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

18 341.14 (1e) (a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered  
19 a motorcycle, submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the  
20 department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an  
21 advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public  
22 health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant  
23 licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice  
24 chiropractic in any state, from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state  
25 and listed in the Christian Science journal, or from the U.S. department of veterans

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

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

14               341.14 **(1m)** If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once  
15       every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice  
16       medicine in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in  
17       any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state,  
18       from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a  
19       chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian  
20       Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal  
21       certifying that another person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for  
22       transportation is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk,  
23       the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver plates of a special design  
24       in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or motor  
25       truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross weight

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1 of not more than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more than  
2 12,000 pounds or motor home, and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so  
3 designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is  
4 operated by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly dependent and  
5 is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition  
6 to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates. The  
7 plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

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

9 341.14 **(1q)** If any employer who provides an automobile, or a motor truck, dual  
10 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more  
11 than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000  
12 pounds or a motor home, for an employee's use submits to the department a  
13 statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician  
14 licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed  
15 to practice nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to  
16 practice in any state. from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in  
17 any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from  
18 a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian  
19 Science journal certifying that the employee is a person with a disability that limits  
20 or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to such  
21 employer plates of a special design in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be  
22 issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so designed as  
23 to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by  
24 a disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a).

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1 No charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal  
2 of the plates. The plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

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

4 343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for registration plates of a special design  
5 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or any other person with a disability that limits  
6 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 public  
15 health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant  
16 licensed or certified 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 that the person is a person with a  
19 disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The statement shall state  
20 whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of  
21 the physician, advanced practice nurse, public health nurse, physician assistant,  
22 chiropractor or practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The department shall  
23 issue the card upon application by an organization on a form prescribed by the

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**SECTION 5**

1 department if the department believes that the organization meets the requirements  
2 under this subsection.

3 (END)