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1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 341.14 (6r) (g); *to amend* 341.14 (6r) (f) 33.
2 and 341.14 (8) (a) and (b); and *to create* 341.14 (6r) (g) 2. of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** special distinguishing registration plates for fire fighters and their
4 surviving spouses, rescue squad members, emergency medical technicians, and
5 groups that are military in nature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

6 **SECTION 1b.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 33. of the statutes is amended to read:
7 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 33. Fire fighters and surviving spouses of fire fighters who die
8 in the line of duty.
9 **SECTION 1g.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (g) 1. and
10 amended to read:

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

9 **SECTION 1m.** 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., 34., or 48. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and
12 design as special plates under par. (f) 33., 34., or 48. suffers an injury in the course
13 of his or her job duties as a fire fighter, rescue squad member, or emergency medical
14 technician and the injury prevents the individual from subsequently performing
15 such job duties, the individual may retain these special plates.

16 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (8) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

17 341.14 **(8)** (a) If a special plate for a group associated with a branch of the armed
18 services or otherwise military in nature has been issued to a person under this
19 section, or if a special plate under sub. (6r) (f) 33. has been issued to a person who
20 dies in the line of duty, upon application by the surviving spouse of the person, the
21 department ~~may~~ shall permit the surviving spouse to retain the plate. If the plate
22 has been returned to the department or surrendered to another state, the
23 department ~~may~~ shall reissue the plate to the surviving spouse if the application for
24 reissuance of the plate is made within 2 years of the plate's return or surrender. The
25 department shall charge an additional fee of \$15 to reissue the plate.

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1 (b) For a plate retained or reissued under this subsection, upon request of the
2 surviving spouse, the department ~~may~~ shall change the plate from a personalized
3 plate to a standard plate. Upon request of a surviving spouse and upon payment of
4 the additional fee under s. 341.145 (3), the department ~~may~~ shall personalize the
5 plate or modify any existing personalization to the plate.

6 **SECTION 2m. Nonstatutory provisions.**

7 (1) Any individual who was in possession, on September 1, 2007, of special
8 plates described in section 341.14 (6r) (g) 2. of the statutes, as created by this act, who
9 suffered an injury in the course of his or her job duties as a fire fighter, rescue squad
10 member, or emergency medical technician that prevents the individual from
11 subsequently performing such job duties, and who was required to surrender these
12 special plates between September 1, 2007, and the effective date of this subsection
13 or whose special plates expired during this time period may apply to the department
14 of transportation for reissuance of these special plates. Upon application, the
15 department of transportation shall reissue these special plates at no additional fee.

16 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

17 (1) This act first applies to applications to retain special plates received by the
18 department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

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(END)