

2007 Senate Bill 20

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2007 WISCONSIN ACT 194

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

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

SECTION 1b. 341.14 (6r) (f) 33. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (f) 33. Fire fighters and surviving spouses of fire fighters who die in the line of duty.

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

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

SECTION 1m. 341.14 (6r) (g) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6r) (g) 2. If an individual in possession of special plates under par. (f) 33., 34., or 48. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as special plates under par. (f) 33., 34., or 48. suf-

fers an injury in the course of his or her job duties as a fire fighter, rescue squad member, or emergency medical technician and the injury prevents the individual from subsequently performing such job duties, the individual may retain these special plates.

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

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

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

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2005-06 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

SECTION 2m. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Any individual who was in possession, on September 1, 2007, of special plates described in section 341.14 (6r) (g) 2. of the statutes, as created by this act, who suffered an injury in the course of his or her job duties as a fire fighter, rescue squad member, or emergency medical technician that prevents the individual from subsequently performing such job duties, and who was required to surrender these special plates between September 1, 2007, and the effective date of this subsec-

tion or whose special plates expired during this time period may apply to the department of transportation for reissuance of these special plates. Upon application, the department of transportation shall reissue these special plates at no additional fee.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

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

