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

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

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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:
SECTION 1. 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., 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.

SECTION 2. 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. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as special plates under par. (f) 33. retires, the individual may retain these special plates. Upon retirement, the individual shall notify the department, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, of his or her retirement and intent to retain the special plates. Upon receiving this notice, the department shall provide to the individual 2 decals, to be affixed to each of the special plates, displaying the word “retired” along with instructions for placement of these decals on the special plates. If the department subsequently reissues to the individual special plates under par. (f) 33. or personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as special plates under par. (f) 33., the department shall provide 2 additional decals. The department may not charge a fee for providing the decals specified in this subdivision.

SECTION 3. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after publication.