

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ATTN: Ritch Williams

Please review the draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

Based upon my review of the materials you provided, the Wisconsin Lions Clubs Web site, and DFI's online business entity records, I have identified the most likely "official" organizations applicable here as the Lions of Wisconsin, Multiple District 27, of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Inc., and the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. Please advise if these are not the entities you intended. I have also assumed that the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity. Please advise if this is incorrect.

The materials you provided also reflect the fact that the Wisconsin Lions Clubs do not hold trademark or service mark rights in the logo associated with the Lions Clubs International. See also Patent and Trademark Office records at www.uspto.gov. The authorization letter provided with the drafting materials probably will be insufficient to allow DOT to use the mark on these special plates, but presumably another authorization could be obtained when DOT begins the design process for the plates. In the past, DOT has resisted detailed statutory mandates on the design of special plates, so this draft requires the plates to include the Lions Club logo but omits further details about that logo, which details can be worked out in the design process.

The attached draft includes an appropriation increase to cover the approximated cost to DOT of these special plates and includes a delayed effective date.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the draft. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "1" draft.

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