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1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 341.14 (1r) and 346.50 (2a) (f) and (g); and *to amend* 100.51
2 (5) (b) 1., 167.31 (4) (cg) 5., 341.13 (2), 341.14 (8) (c), 341.625 (1), 346.50 (2),
3 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (3), 346.50 (3m) (b) 1., 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2),
4 349.13 (1m) and 349.145 of the statutes; **relating to:** registration plates for
5 vehicles leased to persons with a disability that limits the ability to walk
6 (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

7 **SECTION 1.** 100.51 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
8 100.51 (5) (b) 1. The motor vehicle displays special registration plates issued
9 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ or a special identification card issued
10 under s. 343.51 or is a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displays

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1 a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction that designates
2 that the vehicle is used by a physically disabled person.

3 **SECTION 2.** 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 167.31 **(4)** (cg) 5. The vehicle bears special registration plates issued under s.
5 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), or (1m) ~~or (1r)~~ or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches square
6 on which is conspicuously written “disabled hunter”.

7 **SECTION 3.** 341.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.13 **(2)** In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration
9 plates for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight except a dual purpose
10 motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual purpose farm truck
11 registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), ~~(1r)~~ (a), (2), (6m), or (6r) or 341.145 (1)
12 (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under
13 s. 341.14 (6) shall indicate the weight class into which the vehicle falls in a manner
14 prescribed by the department. The gross weight which determines the registration
15 fee for a dual purpose motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual
16 purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), ~~(1r)~~ (a), (2), (6m),
17 or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck
18 registered under s. 341.14 (6) shall be shown on its certificate of registration.

19 **SECTION 4.** 341.14 (1r) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 5.** 341.14 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.14 **(8)** (c) This subsection does not apply to a special plate issued under s.
22 341.14 (1) ~~or (1r)~~.

23 **SECTION 6.** 341.625 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.625 **(1)** Any person who fraudulently procures or uses special registration
2 plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ shall forfeit not
3 less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

4 **SECTION 7.** 346.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 346.50 **(2)** Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a special
6 registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ to a disabled veteran or on his
7 or her behalf is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in
8 any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased,
9 or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both
10 owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more
11 limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time
12 limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.
13 Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the disabled veteran to
14 whom or on whose behalf the special plates were issued and to qualified operators
15 acting under the disabled veteran's express direction with the disabled veteran
16 present.

17 **SECTION 8.** 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.50 **(2a)** (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing
19 special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~
20 or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card
21 issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another
22 jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued
23 by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically
24 disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking
25 in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased,

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1 or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both
2 owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more
3 limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time
4 limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.
5 Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

6 **SECTION 9.** 346.50 (2a) (f) and (g) of the statutes are repealed.

7 **SECTION 10.** 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 346.50 **(3)** Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing special
9 registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ or a
10 motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card
11 issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another
12 jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued
13 by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with
14 a physical disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity
15 therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street,
16 highway or parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official
17 traffic signs indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges
18 granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a)
19 (a) to (m).

20 **SECTION 11.** 346.50 (3m) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 346.50 **(3m)** (b) 1. Before enactment, the city council seeks the advice and
22 recommendation of a disabled parking council of at least 7 members established by
23 an ordinance of the city or, if the city has established a disabled parking enforcement
24 assistance council under s. 349.145, by that council, and holds a public hearing on
25 the proposal. The majority of the members of any disabled parking council shall be

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1 appointed by the city council from among those residents of the city to whom or on
2 whose behalf the department has issued a special registration plate under s. 341.14
3 (1) to ~~(1r)~~ (1q) or a special identification card under s. 343.51.

4 **SECTION 12.** 346.503 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 346.503 (1) In this section, “motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person”
6 means a motor vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1),
7 (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon
8 which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor
9 vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or
10 emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle
11 used by a physically disabled person.

12 **SECTION 13.** 346.505 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 346.505 (2) (a) Except for a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person
14 as defined under s. 346.503 (1), no person may park, stop or leave standing any
15 vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise,
16 upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic
17 signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates
18 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ or a special identification
19 card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and
20 displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
21 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

22 (b) No person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended
23 or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street,
24 highway or parking facility so as to obstruct, block or otherwise limit the use of any
25 portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs

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1 indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued
2 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ or a special identification card
3 issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying
4 a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
5 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

6 (c) Notwithstanding par. (b), no person may park, stop or leave standing any
7 vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise,
8 upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility that is clearly marked as and
9 intended to be an access aisle to provide entry to and exit from vehicles by persons
10 with physical disabilities and which is immediately adjacent to any portion of a
11 street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the
12 restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14
13 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ or a special identification card issued under s.
14 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration
15 plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle
16 as a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability.

17 **SECTION 14.** 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 349.13 **(1m)** In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the
19 department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and
20 parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to
21 highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting
22 highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may,
23 by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping or
24 standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for any
25 vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m),

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1 or (1q) ~~or (1r) (a)~~ or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special
2 identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or any vehicle registered in
3 another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by
4 the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically
5 disabled person.

6 **SECTION 15.** 349.145 of the statutes is amended to read:

7 **349.145 Authority to establish disabled parking enforcement**
8 **assistance councils.** Any city, village or county may by ordinance or resolution
9 establish a disabled parking enforcement assistance council. The majority of such
10 a council shall be appointed by the local authorities from among those residents of
11 the city, village or county to whom or on whose behalf the department has issued a
12 special registration plate under s. 341.14 (1) to ~~(1r)~~ (1q) or a special identification
13 card under s. 343.51. Members of such a council may report violations of s. 341.625
14 (1), 343.52, 346.503 or 346.505 (2) or ordinances in conformity therewith to a traffic
15 officer of the city, village or county as provided in s. 341.625 (2), 343.52 (3), 346.503
16 (5) or 346.505 (3). If a 1st or 2nd class city has enacted an ordinance under s. 346.50
17 (3m), the council shall perform any duties required by s. 346.50 (3m).

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