February 15, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, WEATHERSTON, T. LARSON and MURPHY, cosponsored by Senators LAZICH, PETROWSKI, GROTHMAN, OLSEN and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 341.14 (6r) (b) 14. and 341.14 (6r) (b) 14m. of the statutes;

relating to: the Department of Transportation’s initial costs of production for special registration plates supporting the Lions Clubs of Wisconsin and supporting motorcycle safety.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, as created in 2009 Wisconsin Acts 224 and 226, persons interested in supporting the Lions Clubs of Wisconsin or motorcycle safety may obtain special registration plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles. These special plates must, respectively, display a logo or image of the lion associated with the Lions Clubs International or display a bar and shield logo associated with Harley-Davidson, Inc., and the words “share the road.” An applicant for these special plates must pay a $25 annual fee in addition to the regular vehicle registration fees. The $25 annual fee provides funds to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc., or for certain motorcycle safety activities, respectively. However, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may not provide funds to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc., or for these safety activities, until DOT has received $23,700 for the initial costs of production of each of these special plates.

This bill decreases the amount of revenues retained by DOT for the initial costs of production of these special plates, from $23,700 to $6,580 for Lions Club plates and from $23,700 to $16,100 for motorcycle safety plates.
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) (b) 14. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (b) 14. Subject to sub. (9) (d), a fee of $25 that is in addition to the fee under subd. 2. shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on an annual basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 61m.Subject to sub. (9) (d), a fee of $50 that is in addition to the fee under subd. 2. shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on the biennial basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 61m. if the plate is issued or renewed during the first year of the biennial registration period or $25 for the issuance or renewal if the plate is issued or renewed during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. All moneys received under this subdivision, in excess of $23,700 $6,580 for the initial costs of production of the special group plate under par. (f) 61m., shall be deposited into the general fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eg). To the extent permitted under ch. 71, the fee under this subdivision is deductible as a charitable contribution for purposes of the taxes under ch. 71.

SECTION 2. 341.14 (6r) (b) 14m. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (b) 14m. An additional fee of $25 that is in addition to the fee under subd. 2. shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on an annual basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 61r. An additional fee of $50 that is in addition to the fee under subd. 2. shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on the biennial basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 61r. if the plate is issued or renewed during the first year of the biennial registration
period or $25 for the issuance or renewal if the plate is issued or renewed during the
2nd year of the biennial registration period. All moneys received under this subdivision, in excess of $23,700 $16,100 for the initial costs of production of the special group plate under par. (f) 61r., shall be deposited into the general fund and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.395 (5) (eh).

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