Gary, Aaron

From:

Nesvold, Ben

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 2:33 PM

To:

Gary, Aaron

Subject:

FW: License plate bill

Attachments:

DOT Division Comments - LRB-3469 P2 (120815).docx; 15-3469 P2.pdf

From: Yahn, Nate - DOT [mailto:Nate.Yahn@dot.wi.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 8:34 PM

To: Nesvold, Ben <Ben.Nesvold@legis.wisconsin.gov> **Cc:** McGinn, Reed - DOT <Reed.McGinn@dot.wi.gov>

Subject: RE: License plate bill

Hi Ben,

Thanks again for sharing this draft with the department for review. See attached for some feedback from staff on the "/P2".

Two points of emphasis:

- 1. DMV strongly prefers that the \$15,500 fee and 500 signatures be presented to DMV upon application. DMV does not wish to hold paid applications until they reach 500. This would be too much of an administrative burden.
- 2. The criteria outlined in s. 341.14(6r)(fm)1. (not a church, no discrimination, etc.) still seems to apply to Authorized Special Groups. As referenced in the attachment, DMV has some specific questions and concerns regarding this particular provision.
 - a. Suggestion: It might be helpful to set up meeting between DMV, your office and Aaron Gary at LRB to further discuss certain provisions included under the bill, as currently drafted, in order to ensure that the various provisions are being understood correctly by staff (the bill provisions are complex and substantive in nature) and that the provisions are being interpreted correctly
 - i. Your Call please let us know your thoughts.

Note: I've copied Reed McGinn from DMV on this email as well. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss any of the items referenced in the attachment, please contact Reed (608-266-7857). If corresponding via email, please also include me on the 'cc', so I can keep tracking.

Thanks, Ben.

Nate

Nate Yahn

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From: Nesvold, Ben [mailto:Ben.Nesvold@legis.wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 2:31 PM
To: Yahn, Nate - DOT <Nate. Yahn@dot.wi.gov>

Subject: License plate bill

Nate,

Attached is the /P2 of our license plate bill. Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Ben Nesvold Senator Mary Lazich's office 266-5400

- > Relating to: special distinguishing registration plates issued by the Department of Transportation and making appropriations.
 - Per DMV and Office of Policy, Finance and Improvement (Budget office)

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SECTION 1. 20.395 (5) (cj) of the statutes is	
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the purpose of producing and issuing special	
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and making returning payments under s. 341.14	
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SECTION 2. 20.395 (5) (eL) of the statutes is	Jay Schad (OPFI): The reference at the end of line
created to read:	5 appears to be the same as the reference which
20.395 (5) (eL) Payments resulting from the	ends on line 11. I would think we wouldn't want
issuance of certain special plates.	two appropriations which have references to the
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(6r) (fm) 8. a. for payments to authorized special	Reed McGinn (DMV): Both provide for returning
groups or for gifts to state agencies	payments under 341.14(6r)(fm)3m.c. I believe
as provided in s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. b. and for	that would only be necessary for the
returning payments under s. 341.14 (6r)	appropriation in Section 1.
(fm) 3m. c.	
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deposited into the general fund and credited to	
the appropriation account under s.	
20.395 (5) (eL).	
SECTION 4. 85.64 of the statutes is created to	Unclear what the intent of this provision is.
read:	*Please confirm.
85.64 Surplus moneys received in connection	
with certain special	The Department would prefer not to have
plates. No later than May 1 of each fiscal year,	this requirement be included under the bill,
the department shall do all of the	which would result in a negative
following:	administrative impact (increased costs).
(1) Calculate the amount by which moneys	
received by the department under	Can this reporting requirement be removed
s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a. in the immediately	from the bill?
preceding fiscal year exceeded the	
department's expenditures in the immediately	NOTE: Currently, DMV only charges for IT costs
preceding fiscal year associated with	and decal design. Administrative costs related to
	implementation (website, forms, project

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production and issuance of the special plates for which these moneys were received. (2) Report the amount under sub. (1) to the secretary of administration and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance. SECTION 5. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read: 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. Subject to subd. 1m., upon application to register an automobile or motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a member of an authorized special group or, with respect to an authorized special group designated by the department under par. (fm), interested in supporting the authorized special group, the department shall issue to the person special plates whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member or supporter of the applicable special group. The department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 55., 60., or 61r. until 6 months after the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any approvals required for use of any logo, trademark, trade name or other commercial symbol designating the professional football team or professional baseball team or associated with Harley—Davidson, Inc., have been obtained. Subject to subs. (9) (d) and (10) (d), the department may not issue any	oversight) are absorbed by the Department. Production costs are recouped with the issuance fee and deposited into the Transportation Fund. Should all of these costs be considered when reporting total expenditures? It would appear that adding "or supporter" may have an unintended consequence of removing membership requirements for special group plates under par. (fm). Current special group plates — Freemasons and Laotian Veterans — have membership requirements. Future special group plates may also have membership requirements. The Department seeks clarification on this issue. Is removing the reference to the professional sports teams and Harley Davidson just housekeeping? Is it possible to have the flat-plate technology provision repealed (page 5 line 10)? NOTE: 3M is no longer the contract holder for our license plates. This provision is now obsolete.
special group plates under par. (f) 61m. or 63. until the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any license or other	

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approval required for use of any logo, trademark	
or service mark, trade name or other	
commercial symbol to be used on or in	
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obtained. Notwithstanding s. 341.12 (2), if the	
department of corrections does not	
have flat-plate technology available for use in	
manufacturing license plates at	
quality and cost comparable to that available	
from the state of Minnesota, the	
department of transportation may not issue any	
special group plates under par. (f) 59. unless the department of transportation	
purchases the plates from the state of	
Minnesota. Sections 16.70, 16.71, 16.72, 16.75,	
16.752 to 16.755, 16.765, 16.77, and	
16.82 do not apply to purchases of plates issued	
under par. (f) 59. from the state of	
Minnesota.	
SECTION 6. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. (intro.) of the	
statutes is amended to read:	
341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. (intro.) In addition to the	
special groups specified under par.	
(f), any group or organization may apply to the	t .
department for designation as an	·
authorized special group. The Except as provided	
in subd. 1m., the department shall	
designate any group or organization that meets	
all of the following criteria as an	
authorized special group:	
SECTION 7. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m. of the statutes is	NOTE II
created to read:	NOTE: It appears the eligibility requirements
341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m. a. Upon receiving a complete application under subd. 1.,	outlined in 341.14(6r)(fm) would still apply to the
the department shall post a notice of the	Department. This would not alleviate the
application on the department's Internet site.	Department of its responsibilities to vet the applicants.
The notice shall identify the group or	*Please confirm.
organization applying for designation as	riease confirm.
an authorized special group, include the date that	Evan if these criterion are not required under an
the notice is posted, and describe	Even if these criterion are not required under an
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Section No. (LRB-3469/P2) **Staff Comments** the process by which a person may object to an "authorized special group", the criteria would designation of the group or organization then apply. as an authorized special group and the deadline under subd. 1m. b. for submitting NOTE: This could create a conflict with any the objection. b. Any person may, within 30 days authorized special group that has a religious after the date of the department's notice affiliation or membership criteria that could be under subd. 1m. a., object to designation of the interpreted as discrimination. group or organization as an authorized special group by submitting a written objection to the department in the manner prescribed by the department. c. If no timely objection is received under subd. 1m. b., the department may designate the group or organization as an authorized special group. If the department receives a timely objection under subd. 1m. b., the department shall refer the application to the standing committees of each house of the legislature dealing with transportation matters. d. If an application is referred under subd. 1m. c. and the chairperson of each applicable standing committee does not notify the department within 14 days after the date on which the application is referred that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the application, the application is approved. If, within 14 days after the date on which the application is referred by the department, the chairperson of any applicable standing committee notifies the department that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the application, the application is approved only if each standing committee to which the application was referred under subd. 1m. c. expressly approves the application. e. After referring an application to the standing committees under subd. 1m.

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c., the department may not designate the applicant as an authorized special group	
unless the application is approved under subd. 1m. d.	
SECTION 8. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a. A payment to the department of \$15,500 for the department's initial costs of production of special plates associated with the group making application under this paragraph, except that, if the applicant includes a	 The Department would prefer these requirements to be fulfilled upfront. The application process to consist of a petition with 500 signatures and an application fee of \$15,500, together, up front. NOTE: The Department does not wish to encourage the option of full plate designs.
statement under subd. 2. e., the payment shall be \$20,500. This payment may not be applied to, and is in addition to, any applicable registration fee and any voluntary payment under subd. 8. a. The department shall return this payment to the authorized special group making the application if the application is denied or as provided in subd. 3m. c. All moneys received by	 The Department strongly prefers special group plates utilize a decal and does not have a design that covers the entire plate. This is the preference of law enforcement, and results in manufacturing savings of 50% on a per-plate basis.
the department under this subd. 2. a. shall be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (cj).	The final decision of the plate design should remain at the discretion of the Department.
SECTION 9. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. d. and e. of the statutes are created to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. d. If the applicant seeks	NOTE: The Department does not wish to encourage the option of full plate designs.
issuance of special plates that provide moneys to the authorized special group or gifts to a state agency, a statement to this effect and identification of the intended recipient of the moneys or gifts. e. If the applicant requests a design for the special plates that covers the entire plate, a statement to this effect.	> Recommend striking this provision.
SECTION 10. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 3g., 3m. and 3r. of the statutes are created to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 3g. Upon approval of an	 Recommend striking reference to full plate designs.
application under this paragraph, the	NOTE: 3m.a – The Department requests a petition with 500 signatures along with the

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department's receipt of the payment under subd. 2. a., and satisfaction of the requirement under subd. 3m. a., the department shall commence any development work necessary for issuance of the special plates and shall complete the development work within one year of its commencement. The development work under this subdivision shall be funded only from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (cj). The department shall specify the design for special plates issued under this paragraph after consultation with the authorized special group. The special plates for each authorized special group shall be distinguishable from the special plates of any other authorized special group. The department may use a decal to distinguish between special plates of different authorized special groups except that, if the applicant includes a statement under subd. 2. e., the special plate design shall cover the entire plate.

3m. a. The department may not commence development work for special plates associated with an authorized special group designated by the department under subd. 1. until the department receives 500 completed applications for vehicle registration, including payment of all applicable fees, from members of the authorized special group or persons interested in supporting the authorized special group.

b. Until the threshold under subd. 3m. a. is reached, for each vehicle registration application received by the department from a member of the authorized special group or person interested in supporting the authorized special group, the

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application and \$15,500 fee. The petition would be provided on a form prescribed by the Department and would indicate intent to purchase the plates. The payment and completed petition with 500 signatures should be presented together at the time of application.

➤ 3m.b. – Strike.

NOTE: This would create too much of an administrative burden on the Department. A petition with 500 signatures would be sufficient.

- ➤ 3m.c. Should require 500 plates be issued within the first two years.
- 3r. Reduce registration renewal threshold from 1,000 to 500.

NOTE: This does not provide a one year warning (probation period) as discussed in the previous meeting with the senator.

*Please confirm.

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NOTE: If a plate is cancelled, the Department does not want to be required to immediately reissue a standard plate. Instead, no new fundraiser plates would be issued. Fundraising fees would continue to be collected. The plates would be re-based (replaced) when the Department determines they have become too old for continued circulation. This change would result in a lower administrative and production burden on the Department.

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department shall issue to the applicant regular	
registration plates and shall retain	
without disbursement any voluntary payment	
under subd. 8. a. received from the	
applicant.	
c. If the threshold under subd. 3m. a. is not	
reached within 2 years after the	
department first designates the group or	
organization as an authorized special	
group, the department shall rescind this	
designation and return the payment received	
under subd. 2. a. and all voluntary payments	
received under subd. 8. a. to	
the respective applicants.	
3r. At any time after 2 years from the date that special plates associated with	
an authorized special group are first issued under	
this paragraph, if the department	
receives, in a calendar year, fewer than 1,000	
applications for registration renewal	
for vehicles for which these special plates were	
issued, the department shall rescind	
its designation of the authorized special group	•
and cease issuing special plates	
associated with the authorized special group. If	
the department rescinds its	
designation of an authorized special group under	
this subdivision, upon receiving an	
application for registration renewal of a vehicle	
to which special plates associated	
with the authorized special group were issued,	
the department shall reissue regular	
registration plates to replace the special plates.	
This subdivision does not apply to	
any group or organization designated by the	
department as an authorized special	
group prior to the effective date of this	
subdivision [LRB inserts date].	
SECTION 11. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 5. of the statutes is	
repealed.	

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SECTION 12. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 6. of the statutes is amended to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 6. The department shall establish by rule procedures for the designation of authorized special groups under this paragraph and for the issuance or the discontinuation of issuance of special group plates under this subsection to members of an authorized special group and persons interested in supporting the authorized special group.	 The Department seeks clarification if this prohibits membership criteria for all authorized special group plates. NOTE: Current Freemason and Laotian Veteran special group plates have membership criteria.
SECTION 13. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. of the statutes is created to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. a. An authorized special group may, as provided in subd. 2. d., be, or designate a state agency as, the recipient for voluntary payments collected by the department in connection with the initial issuance or renewal of special plates associated with the authorized special group. With each initial issuance or renewal, the voluntary payment shall be \$25 for special plates issued or renewed on an annual basis and \$50 for special plates issued or renewed on a biennial basis except that, if the plate is issued or renewed during the 2nd year of a biennial registration period, the voluntary payment for that year shall be \$25. This voluntary payment is in addition to any fee collected by the department. If an authorized special group included a statement under subd. 2. d. in its application, no plate may be issued for the authorized special group unless the voluntary payment is collected. All moneys received under this subd. 8. a. shall be deposited into the general fund and credited	
to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eL). To the extent permitted under ch. 71, the voluntary payment under this subd. 8. a. is deductible as a charitable	

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contribution for purposes of the taxes under ch. 71. b. Subject to subds. 3m. b. and 8. c., if the department collects voluntary payments under subd. 8. a., the department shall, from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eL), make payments of all such moneys collected to the authorized special groups or designated state agency. c. The department shall cease collecting voluntary payments under subd. 8. a. if the department has knowledge that the recipient of these moneys has dissolved, become insolvent, or filed a petition for bankruptcy or that moneys forwarded to the recipient under subd. 8. b. have been used for any purpose prohibited under subd. 8. d. d. No moneys received under subd. 8. b. may be used for any political purpose, including for lobbying or campaign activities or to otherwise influence legislation or assist any political campaign or candidate for public office.	
SECTION 14. 341.145 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read: 341.145 (1) (c) A registration plate of the same color and design as provided in s. 341.14 (6r) for a vehicle specified under s. 341.14 (6r), which displays the applicable symbol of the authorized special group to which the person belongs or supports and a registration number composed of letters or numbers, or both, not exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position, requested by the applicant.	NOTE: See comments for "Section 12."
SECTION 15.0Effective date. (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.	

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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AN ACT to repeal 341.14 (6r) (fm) 5.; to amend 20.395 (5) (cj), 341.14 (6r) (b) 1.,

341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. (intro.), 341.14 (6r) (fm) 6. and 341.145 (1) (c); to repeal and

recreate 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a.; and to create 20.395 (5) (eL), 25.40 (1) (a) 32.,

85.64, 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. d. and e., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 3g., 3m.

and 3r. and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. of the statutes; relating to: special distinguishing registration plates issued by the Department of Transportation and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies the process and requirements for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to designate authorized special groups and issue special motor vehicle registration plates to group members. The bill does not affect special plates for groups enumerated by the legislature.

Under current law, any group or organization (group) may apply to DOT for designation as an authorized special group and DOT must designate the group as such if the group: is not organized or operated for profit; is not a political group; is not a church or an organization operating under a creed; does not promote, practice, or encourage hatred or discrimination; and does not carry connotations offensive to good taste or decency or that would be misleading or in conflict with another group. An application for designation by DOT as an authorized special group must include

a deposit of \$15,500. If the application is denied, this deposit is returned to the group. If the application is approved, the amount of the deposit returned to the group is the lesser of \$12,000 or \$15 times the number of special registration plates (special plates) issued for the group in the first year. An application must also include a certification by the group that any approval required for use of a logo, trademark, or other commercial symbol (trademark approval) related to the group has been obtained and that the group is responsible for any related licensing fees. If DOT denies an application for designation as an authorized special group, DOT must promptly give notice to the group stating the reason for the denial, but DOT's decision is final and not subject to judicial review. If the application is approved, members of the authorized special group may obtain special plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes, that are owned or leased by special group members. In addition to the regular registration fee, a fee of \$15 is charged for the issuance or reissuance of these special plates. DOT may not assist a group in the use of special plates in any fund—raising effort by the group.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special plates were specifically enumerated by statute. With certain exceptions, current law provides that statutory enumeration of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998. Current law specifies that, after October 1, 1998, the process described above by which DOT designates groups as authorized special groups is the exclusive method for groups to obtain special plates.

This bill modifies the process and requirements for DOT to designate authorized special groups and issue special plates to group members. DOT must post notice on DOT's Internet site of a group's application and the notice must identify the group applying for designation as an authorized special group and describe the process by which a person may object to this designation. Within 30 days after this notice, any person may object in writing to this designation. If a timely objection is made, DOT must refer the application to the senate and assembly standing committees for transportation matters for passive review. DOT may then designate the group as an authorized special group only if each standing committee, impliedly or expressly, approves the application under the passive review process.

Under the bill, after DOT has designated a group as an authorized special group (designated special group), DOT may not issue special plates associated with the designated special group until DOT receives 500 vehicle registration applications from special group members or supporters, with a two-year deadline for meeting this 500-application threshold. After DOT begins issuing special plates associated with a designated special group, if DOT receives, in a calendar year, fewer than 1,000 registration renewal applications for vehicles displaying these special plates and at least two years have elapsed since DOT first began issuing these special plates, DOT must rescind the special group's designation and cease issuing the special plates.

Under this bill, a designated special group may obtain special plates for which DOT collects a \$25 annual voluntary payment from group members or supporters and directs this money to the designated special group or a designated state agency as a gift. This money may not be used for any political purpose. DOT must cease

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collecting these voluntary payments if DOT has knowledge that the recipient of the money has dissolved, become insolvent, or filed a petition for bankruptcy or that the money has been used for any political purpose.

The bill also eliminates the requirement under current law that an applicant for designation by DOT as an authorized special group must deposit \$15,500 but is entitled to a partial refund based on the number of special plates issued. Instead, under the bill, an applicant must make payment to DOT of \$15,500 for DOT's initial costs of production of the special plates or \$20,500 if the applicant requests a plate design that covers the entire plate and is not just a decal. This payment is in addition to any applicable registration fee or voluntary payment. DOT must return this payment to the applicant if the application is denied or the designated special group fails to meet the 500-application threshold (discussed above). DOT must specify the design for the special plates after consultation with the designated special group.

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:

2 20.395 (5) (cj) Vehicle registration, special group plates, state funds. From the 3 general fund, all moneys deposited received under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 3. and (fm) 2., for 4 the purpose of producing and issuing special group plates under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) and making returning payments under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a. and 3m. c. 5 **Section 2.** 20.395 (5) (eL) of the statutes is created to read: 6 7 20.395 (5) (eL) Payments resulting from the issuance of certain special plates. 8 From the general fund, all moneys from voluntary payments received under s. 341.14 9 (6r) (fm) 8. a. for payments to authorized special groups or for gifts to state agencies 10/ as provided in s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. b. and for returning payments under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 3m. c.

SECTION 1. 20.395 (5) (cj) of the statutes is amended to read:

SECTION 3. 25.40 (1) (a) 32. of the statutes is created to read:

23)

1	25.40 (1) (a) 32. Moneys received under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. a. that are
2	deposited into the general fund and credited to the appropriation account under s.
3	20.395 (5) (eL).

SECTION 4. 85.64 of the statutes is created to read:

85.64 Surplus moneys received in connection with certain special plates. No later than May 1 of each fiscal year, the department shall do all of the following:

- (1) Calculate the amount by which moneys received by the department under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a. in the immediately preceding fiscal year exceeded the department's expenditures in the immediately preceding fiscal year associated with production and issuance of the special plates for which these moneys were received.
- (2) Report the amount under sub. (1) to the secretary of administration and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance.

SECTION 5. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

automobile or motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a member of an authorized special group or, with respect to an authorized special group designated by the department under par. (fm) interested in supporting the authorized special group, the department shall issue to the person special plates whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member or supporter of the applicable special group. The department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 55., 60., or 61r. until 6 months after the department has received information sufficient for the

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department to determine that any approvals required for use of any logo, trademark. trade name or other commercial symbol designating the professional football team or professional baseball team or associated with Harley-Davidson, Inc., have been obtained. Subject to subs. (9) (d) and (10) (d), the department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 61m. or 63. until the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any license or other approval required for use of any logo, trademark or service mark, trade name or other commercial symbol to be used on or in association with these plates has been obtained. Notwithstanding s. 341.12 (2), if the department of corrections does not have flat-plate technology available for use in manufacturing license plates at quality and cost comparable to that available from the state of Minnesota, the department of transportation may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 59. unless the department of transportation purchases the plates from the state of Minnesota. Sections 16.70, 16.71, 16.72, 16.75, 16.752 to 16.755, 16.765, 16.77, and 16.82 do not apply to purchases of plates issued under par. (f) 59. from the state of Minnesota. **SECTION 6.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. (intro.) In addition to the special groups specified under par. (f), any group or organization may apply to the department for designation as an

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341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m. a. Upon receiving a complete application under subd. (5., the department shall post a notice of the application on the department's Internet

SECTION 7. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m. of the statutes is created to read;

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designate any group or organization that meets all of the following criteria as an

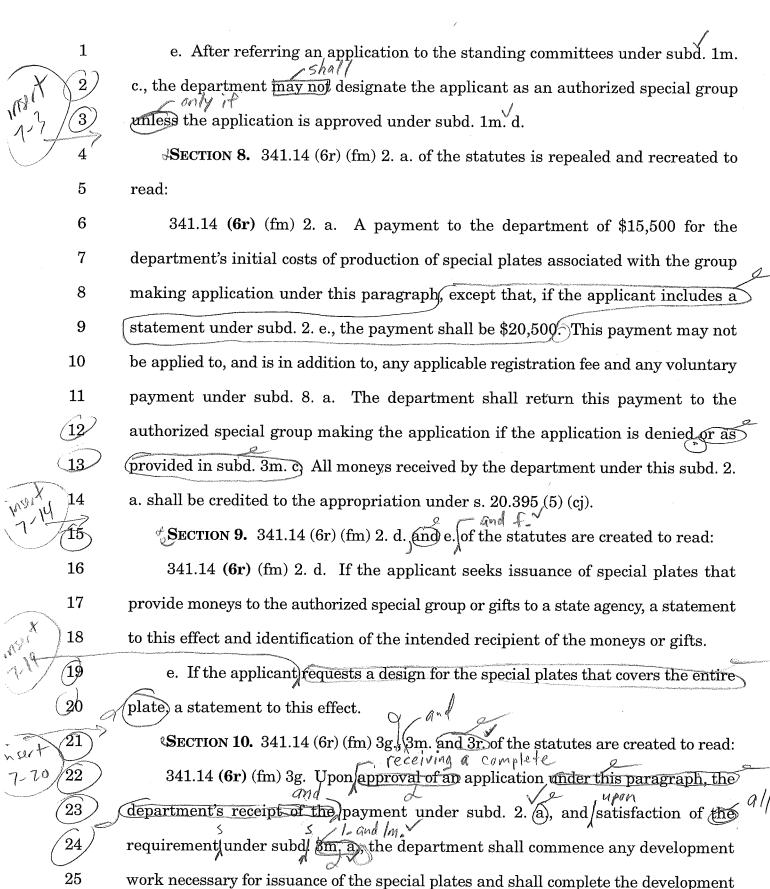
site. The notice shall identify the group or organization applying for designation as an authorized special group, include the date that the notice is posted, and describe the process by which a person may object to designation of the group or organization as an authorized special group and the deadline under subd. 1m. b. for submitting the objection.

b. Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the department's notice under subd. 1m. a., object to designation of the group or organization as an authorized special group by submitting a written objection to the department in the manner prescribed by the department.

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c. If no timely objection is received under subd. 1m. b., the department may designate the group or organization as an authorized special group. If the department receives a timely objection under subd. 1m. b., the department shall refer the application to the standing committees of each house of the legislature dealing with transportation matters.

d. If an application is referred under subd. 1m. c. and the chairperson of each applicable standing committee does not notify the department within 14 days after the date on which the application is referred that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the application, the application is approved. If, within 14 days after the date on which the application is referred by the department, the chairperson of any applicable standing committee notifies the department that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the application, the application is approved only if each standing committee to which the application was referred under subd. 1m. c. expressly approves the application.



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work within one year of its commencement. The development work under this subdivision shall be funded only from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (ci). The department shall specify the design for special plates issued under this paragraph after consultation with the authorized special group. The special plates for each authorized special group shall be distinguishable from the special plates of any other authorized special group. The department may use a decal to distinguish between special plates of different authorized special groups except that, if the applicant includes a statement under subd. 2. e., the special plate design shall cover the entire plate.

3m. a. The department may not commence development work for special plates associated with an authorized special group designated by the department under subd. 1. until the department receives 500 completed applications for vehicle registration, including payment of all applicable fees, from members of the authorized special group or persons interested in supporting the authorized special group.

- Until the threshold under subd. Im. a. is reached, for each vehicle registration application received by the department from a member of the authorized special group or person interested in supporting the authorized special group, the department shall issue to the applicant regular registration plates and shall retain without disbursement any voluntary payment under subd. 8. a. received from the applicant.
- c. If the threshold under subd. 3m. a. is not reached within 2 years after the department first designates the group or organization as an authorized special group, the department shall rescind this designation and return the payment

received under subd. 2. a. and all voluntary payments received under subd. 8. a. to the respective applicants.

3r, At any time after 2 years from the date that special plates associated with an authorized special group are first issued under this paragraph, if the department receives, in a calendar year, fewer than 1,000 applications for registration renewal for vehicles for which these special plates were issued, the department shall rescind its designation of the authorized special group and cease issuing special plates associated with the authorized special group. If the department rescinds its designation of an authorized special group under this subdivision, upon receiving an application for registration renewal of a vehicle to which special plates associated with the authorized special group were issued, the department shall reissue regular registration plates to replace the special plates. This subdivision does not apply to any group or organization designated by the department as an authorized special group prior to the effective date of this subdivision [LRB inserts date].

Section 11. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 5. of the statutes is repealed.

Section 12. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 6. The department shall establish by rule procedures for the designation of authorized special groups under this paragraph and for the issuance or the discontinuation of issuance of special group plates under this subsection to members of an authorized special group and persons interested in supporting the authorized special group.

SECTION 13. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. a. An authorized special group may, as provided in subd. 2. d., be, or designate a state agency as, the recipient for voluntary payments collected by the department in connection with the initial issuance or renewal of special plates

associated with the authorized special group. With each initial issuance or renev
the voluntary payment shall be \$25 for special plates issued or renewed on an ann
basis and \$50 for special plates issued or renewed on a biennial basis except tha
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the voluntary payment for that year shall be \$25. This voluntary payment is
addition to any fee collected by the department. If an authorized special gre
included a statement under subd. 2. d. in its application, no plate may be issued
the authorized special group unless the voluntary payment is collected. All mon
received under this subd. 8. a. shall be deposited into the general fund and credi
to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eL). To the extent permitted under ch.
the voluntary payment under this subd. 8. a. is deductible as a charita
contribution for purposes of the taxes under ch. 71.

b. Subject to subds. 3m. b. and 8. c., if the department collects voluntary payments under subd. 8. a., the department shall, from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eL), make payments of all such moneys collected to the authorized special groups or designated state agency.

- c. The department shall cease collecting voluntary payments under subd. 8. a. if the department has knowledge that the recipient of these moneys has dissolved, become insolvent, or filed a petition for bankruptcy or that moneys forwarded to the recipient under subd. 8. b. have been used for any purpose prohibited under subd. 8. d.
- d. No moneys received under subd. 8. b. may be used for any political purpose, including for lobbying or campaign activities or to otherwise influence legislation or assist any political campaign or candidate for public office.

SECTION 14. 341.145 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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341.145 (1) (c) A registration plate of the same color and design as provided in
s. 341.14 (6r) for a vehicle specified under s. 341.14 (6r), which displays the applicable
symbol of the authorized special group to which the person belongs or supports and
a registration number composed of letters or numbers, or both, not exceeding 6
positions and not less than one position, requested by the applicant.

SECTION 15. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

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1 INSERT ANAL-A:

If no timely objection is made, DOT must designate the group as an authorized special group. The bill eliminates the current law criteria under which DOT designates a group as an authorized special group and requires DOT to make such a designation if no timely objection is made, but allows an objection to be based on these current law criteria.

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Under the bill, a group's application for designation as an authorized special group must include the signatures of at least 500 Wisconsin residents who affirm their intent to obtain special plates associated with the group when these special plates become available.

3 INSERT ANAL-C:

Under the bill, if fewer than 500 special plates associated with the group have been issued and are valid for currently registered vehicles after the third year following the date the special plates were first issued, or in any year thereafter, DOT must give notice to the group that it will rescind its designation and cease issuing the special plates unless, within one year after this notice, this 500-plate threshold is met. If one year elapses after this notice and the 500-plate threshold is still not met, DOT must rescind the group's designation and, with an exception, cease accepting new applications for issuance of the special plates, but may continue to renew the special plates that have already been issued.

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5 (No 4) that includes the statement under par. (fm) 2. e.

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8 5^{ω} Section 1. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r)

- (fm) 1. and amended to read:
- 10 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. In addition to the special groups specified under par. (f), any
- group or organization may apply to the department for designation as an authorized

special group. The Except as provided in subd. 1m., after the department has
received a complete application and the requisite period under subd. 1m. has
elapsed, the department shall designate any the group or organization that meets
all of the following criteria as an authorized special group:

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 32; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13,92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).

SECTION 2. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. a. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm)

- 6 1r. a. and amended to read:
- 7 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. a. The group or organization is not organized or operated
- 8 for profit.

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 32; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13.92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).

- 9 Section 3. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. b. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin
- Act 117, is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. b. and amended to read:
- 11 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. b. The group or organization is not a committee, as defined
- 12 in s. 11.0101 (6).

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 32; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13.92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).

- 13 SECTION 4. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. c. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm)
- 14 1r. c. and amended to read:
- 15 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. c. The group or organization is not a church, a synagogue,
- a mosque, or any organization, whether or not organized under ch. 187, that operates
- under a creed.

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13,92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).

18 SECTION 5. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. d. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm)

19 1r. d. and amended to read:

1	- 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. d. The group or organization does not promote, practice or
2	encourage promotes, practices, or encourages hatred or any form of discrimination.
3	History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 32; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13.92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).
3	SECTION 6. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1, e. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm)
4	1r. e. and amended to read:
5	341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. e. The group or organization does not carry carries
6	connotations offensive to good taste or decency, or that would be misleading, or in
7	conflict with the enumeration or designation of any other authorized special group.
8	History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 32; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13.92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).
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11 12 13 14 15 16	341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. (intro.) An objection under subd. 1m. b. to designation of a group or organization as an authorized special group may be made only by a resident of this state and may be based on any of the following grounds or other grounds: INSERT 7-14: SECTION 8. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. c. Any other information that the department reasonably

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 32; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13,92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).



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2 (NO W) wishes to allow issuance of special plates to supporters of the group or organization in addition to members of the group or organization,

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\(\square f\). On a form prescribed by the department and attached to the application, the
 signatures of at least 500 residents of this state who affirm their intent to obtain
 special plates associated with the applicant when these special plates become
 available.

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with an authorized special group are first issued under this paragraph, there are fewer than 500 motor vehicles registered for which these special plates have been issued and are valid for the motor vehicles' then current registration period, the department shall give notice to the authorized special group that it will rescind its designation of the authorized special group and cease issuing special plates associated with the authorized special group unless, within one year after the date of this notice, this threshold of at least 500 currently registered vehicles displaying these special plates is met.

b. If one year elapses after the department has given notice under subd. 3m. a. and the threshold under subd. 3m. a. is still not met, the department shall rescind its designation of the authorized special group and, except as provided in subd. 3m. c., cease issuing special plates associated with the authorized special group.

c. After rescinding its designation of an authorized special group under subd.
3m. b., the department may continue issuing special plates associated with the
authorized special group until the department's inventory of these special plates is
depleted and the department may continue to renew registrations of vehicles
displaying these special plates and continue to collect the involuntary payment
under subd. 8. a. After the department's inventory of these special plates is depleted,
the department may not accept applications for initial issuance of these special
plates or issue these special plates as replacement plates, but may continue to renew
registrations of vehicles displaying these special plates and may continue to collect
the involuntary payment under subd. 8. a. in connection with these registration
renewals.

d. This subdivision does not apply to any group or organization designated by the department as an authorized special group prior to the effective date of this subdivision [LRB inserts date].

SECTION 9. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 4. If the application for designation as an authorized special group is denied, the department shall promptly return the application to the group or organization, together with a provide notice stating the reason for of the denial. All actions and decisions of the department and the legislature with respect to applications under this paragraph shall be final and not subject to judicial review under ch. 227.

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1971 c. 299; 1975 c. 384, 417; 1977 c. 16; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1417, 1418, 1654 (7) (a), (e); 1977 c. 43, 183, 292, 418, 447; 1979 c. 236; 1981 c. 255; 1983 a. 227, 430, 511; 1985 a. 29, 55; 1985 a. 87 ss. 1, 5; 1985 a. 124, 202; 1985 a. 332 ss. 191, 251 (4); 1987 a. 19, 64, 112, 145, 315, 399, 403; 1989 a. 31, 54, 56, 137, 302, 304, 312, 359; 1991 a. 2, 39, 100, 240; 1993 a. 16, 291, 303, 415, 491; 1995 a. 147, 253, 255, 445; 1997 a. 27, 67, 252, 255; 1999 a. 9, 32, 80, 92, 167, 186; 2001 a. 16, 38, 103, 109; 2003 a. 83, 184; 2005 a. 22, 25, 109, 199, 260, 319, 472; 2007 a. 38, 97, 107, 120, 160, 194; 2009 a. 28, 135, 159, 182, 195, 224, 226, 230, 246, 340; 2011 a. 260 ss. 50 to 52, 80; 2013 a. 29, 163, 188, 266, 275; s. 13,92 (1) (bm) 2. and (2) (i).

****Note: I made the changes to subd. 4., above, because under the new procedure DOT does not make any substantive decisions on the application and may not have any knowledge of the reason for the legislature's denial.



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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(Resen)

AN ACT to repeal 341.14 (6r) (fm) 5.; to renumber and amend 341.14 (6r) (fm)

1. (intro.), 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. a., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. b., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. c., 341.14

(6r) (fm) 1. d. and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. e.; **to amend** 20.395 (5) (cj), 341.14 (6r) (b)

1., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. c., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 4., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 6. and 341.145 (1)

(c); to repeal and recreate 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a.; and to create 20.395 (5) (eL),

25.40 (1) (a) 32., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. (intro.), 341.14 (6r) (fm)

2. d., e. and f., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 3g. and 3m. and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. of the statutes;

relating to: special distinguishing registration plates issued by the

Department of Transportation and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies the process and requirements for the Department of Transportation to designate authorized special groups and issue special motor vehicle registration plates to group members. The bill does not affect special plates for groups enumerated by the legislature.

Under current law, any group or organization (group) may apply to DOT for designation as an authorized special group and DOT must designate the group as such if the group: is not organized or operated for profit; is not a political group; is

not a church or an organization operating under a creed; does not promote, practice, or encourage hatred or discrimination; and does not carry connotations offensive to good taste or decency or that would be misleading or in conflict with another group. An application for designation by DOT as an authorized special group must include a deposit of \$15,500. If the application is denied, this deposit is returned to the group. If the application is approved, the amount of the deposit returned to the group is the lesser of \$12,000 or \$15 times the number of special registration plates (special plates) issued for the group in the first year. An application must also include a certification by the group that any approval required for use of a logo, trademark, or other commercial symbol (trademark approval) related to the group has been obtained and that the group is responsible for any related licensing fees. If DOT denies an application for designation as an authorized special group, DOT must promptly give notice to the group stating the reason for the denial, but DOT's decision is final and not subject to judicial review. If the application is approved, members of the authorized special group may obtain special plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes, that are owned or leased by special group members. In addition to the regular registration fee, a fee of \$15 is charged for the issuance or reissuance of these special plates. DOT may not assist a group in the use of special plates in any fund-raising effort by the group.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special plates were specifically enumerated by statute. With certain exceptions, current law provides that statutory enumeration of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998. Current law specifies that, after October 1, 1998, the process described above by which DOT designates groups as authorized special groups is the exclusive method for groups to obtain special plates.

This bill modifies the process and requirements for DOT to designate authorized special groups and issue special plates to group members. DOT must post notice on DOT's Internet site of a group's application and the notice must identify the group applying for designation as an authorized special group and describe the process by which a person may object to this designation. Within 30 days after this notice, any person may object in writing to this designation. If a timely objection is made, DOT must refer the application to the senate and assembly standing committees for transportation matters for passive review. DOT may then designate the group as an authorized special group only if each standing committee, impliedly or expressly, approves the application under the passive review process. If no timely objection is made, DOT must designate the group as an authorized special group. The bill eliminates the current law criteria under which DOT designates a group as an authorized special group and requires DOT to make such a designation if no timely objection is made, but allows an objection to be based on these current law criteria.

Under the bill, a group's application for designation as an authorized special group must include the signatures of at least 500 Wisconsin residents who affirm their intent to obtain special plates associated with the group when these special plates become available. The bill also eliminates the requirement under current law

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that an applicant for designation by DOT as an authorized special group must deposit \$15,500 but is entitled to a partial refund based on the number of special plates issued. Instead, under the bill, an applicant must make payment to DOT of \$15,500 for DOT's initial costs of production of the special plates. This payment is in addition to any applicable registration fee or voluntary payment. DOT must return this payment to the applicant if the application is denied. DOT must specify the design for the special plates after consultation with the designated special group.

Under this bill, a designated special group may obtain special plates for which DOT collects a \$25 annual voluntary payment from group members or supporters and directs this money to the designated special group or a designated state agency as a gift. This money may not be used for any political purpose. DOT must cease collecting these voluntary payments if DOT has knowledge that the recipient of the money has dissolved, become insolvent, or filed a petition for bankruptcy or that the money has been used for any political purpose.

Under the bill, if fewer than 500 special plates associated with the group have been issued and are valid for currently registered vehicles after the third year following the date the special plates were first issued, or in any year thereafter, DOT must give notice to the group that it will rescind its designation and cease issuing the special plates unless, within one year after this notice, this 500-plate threshold is met. If one year elapses after this notice and the 500-plate threshold is still not met, DOT must rescind the group's designation and, with an exception, cease accepting new applications for issuance of the special plates, but may continue to renew the special plates that have already been issued.

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. 20.395 (5) (cj) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.395 (5) (cj) Vehicle registration, special group plates, state funds. From the general fund, all moneys deposited received under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 3. and (fm) 2., for the purpose of producing and issuing special group plates under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) and making returning payments under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a.

SECTION 2. 20.395 (5) (eL) of the statutes is created to read:

From the general fund, all moneys from voluntary payments received under s. 341.14

20.395 (5) (eL) Payments resulting from the issuance of certain special plates.

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(6r) (fm) 8. a. for payments to authorized special groups or for gifts to state agencies as provided in s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. b.

SECTION 3. 25.40 (1) (a) 32. of the statutes is created to read:

25.40 (1) (a) 32. Moneys received under s. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. a. that are deposited into the general fund and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.395 (5) (eL).

Section 4. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (b) 1. Subject to subd. 1m., upon application to register an automobile or motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a member of an authorized special group or, with respect to an authorized special group designated under par. (fm) that includes the statement under par. (fm) 2. e., interested in supporting the authorized special group, the department shall issue to the person special plates whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member, or if applicable a supporter, of the applicable special group. The department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 55., 60., or 61r. until 6 months after the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any approvals required for use of any logo, trademark, trade name or other commercial symbol designating the professional football team or professional baseball team or associated with Harley-Davidson, Inc., have been obtained. Subject to subs. (9) (d) and (10) (d), the department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 61m. or 63. until the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any license or other approval

Section 7. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. b. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin

Act 117, is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. b. and amended to read:

1	341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. b. The group or organization is not a committee, as defined
2	in s. 11.0101 (6).
3	SECTION 8. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. c. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm)
4	1r. c. and amended to read:
5	341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. c. The group or organization is not a church, a synagogue,
6	a mosque, or any organization, whether or not organized under ch. 187, that operates
7	under a creed.
8	Section 9. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. d. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm)
9	1r. d. and amended to read:
10	341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. d. The group or organization does not promote, practice or
11	encourage promotes, practices, or encourages hatred or any form of discrimination.
12	Section 10. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. e. of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (6r) (fm)
13	1r. e. and amended to read:
14	341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. e. The group or organization does not carry carries
15	connotations offensive to good taste or decency, or that would be misleading, or in
16	conflict with the enumeration or designation of any other authorized special group.
17	SECTION 11. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:
18	341.14 (6r) (fm) 1m. a. Upon receiving a complete application any payment
19	under subd. 2., the department shall post a notice of the application on the
20	department's Internet site. The notice shall identify the group or organization
21	applying for designation as an authorized special group, include the date that the
22	notice is posted, and describe the process by which a person may object to designation
23	of the group or organization as an authorized special group and the deadline under
24	subd. 1m. b. for submitting the objection.

- b. Subject to subd. 1r., any person may, within 30 days after the date of the department's notice under subd. 1m. a., object to designation of the group or organization as an authorized special group by submitting a written objection to the department in the manner prescribed by the department.
- c. If no timely objection is received under subd. 1m. b., the department shall designate the group or organization as an authorized special group. If the department receives a timely objection under subd. 1m. b., the department shall refer the application to the standing committees of each house of the legislature dealing with transportation matters.
- d. If an application is referred under subd. 1m. c. and the chairperson of each applicable standing committee does not notify the department within 14 days after the date on which the application is referred that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the application, the application is approved. If, within 14 days after the date on which the application is referred by the department, the chairperson of any applicable standing committee notifies the department that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the application, the application is approved only if each standing committee to which the application was referred under subd. 1m. c. expressly approves the application.
- e. After referring an application to the standing committees under subd. 1m. c., the department shall designate the applicant as an authorized special group only if the application is approved under subd. 1m. d.
 - **Section 12.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:
- 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1r. (intro.) An objection under subd. 1m. b. to designation of a group or organization as an authorized special group may be made only by a

resident of this state and may be base	d on any of the	following grounds	or other
grounds:			

Section 13. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. a. A payment to the department of \$15,500 for the department's initial costs of production of special plates associated with the group making application under this paragraph. This payment may not be applied to, and is in addition to, any applicable registration fee and any voluntary payment under subd. 8. a. The department shall return this payment to the authorized special group making the application if the application is denied. All moneys received by the department under this subd. 2. a. shall be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (cj).

Section 14. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. c. Any other information that the department reasonably requires to determine whether the group or organization is entitled by law to designation as an authorized special group.

SECTION 15. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. d., e. and f. of the statutes are created to read: 341.14 (6r) (fm) 2. d. If the applicant seeks issuance of special plates that provide moneys to the authorized special group or gifts to a state agency, a statement to this effect and identification of the intended recipient of the moneys or gifts.

- e. If the applicant wishes to allow issuance of special plates to supporters of the group or organization in addition to members of the group or organization, a statement to this effect.
- f. On a form prescribed by the department and attached to the application, the signatures of at least 500 residents of this state who affirm their intent to obtain

special plates associated with the applicant when these special plates become available.

Section 16. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 3g. and 3m. of the statutes are created to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 3g. Upon receiving a complete application and payment under subd. 2., and upon satisfaction of all requirements under subds. 1. and 1m., the department shall commence any development work necessary for issuance of the special plates and shall complete the development work within one year of its commencement. The development work under this subdivision shall be funded only from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (cj). The department shall specify the design for special plates issued under this paragraph after consultation with the authorized special group. The special plates for each authorized special group shall be distinguishable from the special plates of any other authorized special group. The department may use a decal to distinguish between special plates of different authorized special groups.

3m. a. If, at any time after 3 years from the date that special plates associated with an authorized special group are first issued under this paragraph, there are fewer than 500 motor vehicles registered for which these special plates have been issued and are valid for the motor vehicles' then current registration period, the department shall give notice to the authorized special group that it will rescind its designation of the authorized special group and cease issuing special plates associated with the authorized special group unless, within one year after the date of this notice, this threshold of at least 500 currently registered vehicles displaying these special plates is met.

b. If one year elapses after the department has given notice under subd. 3m. a. and the threshold under subd. 3m. a. is still not met, the department shall rescind

its designation of the authorized special group and, except as provided in subd. 3m. c., cease issuing special plates associated with the authorized special group.

c. After rescinding its designation of an authorized special group under subd. 3m. b., the department may continue issuing special plates associated with the authorized special group until the department's inventory of these special plates is depleted and the department may continue to renew registrations of vehicles displaying these special plates and continue to collect the involuntary payment under subd. 8. a. After the department's inventory of these special plates is depleted, the department may not accept applications for initial issuance of these special plates or issue these special plates as replacement plates, but may continue to renew registrations of vehicles displaying these special plates and may continue to collect the involuntary payment under subd. 8. a. in connection with these registration renewals.

d. This subdivision does not apply to any group or organization designated by the department as an authorized special group prior to the effective date of this subd.

3m. d. [LRB inserts date].

Section 17. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (**6r**) (fm) 4. If the application for designation as an authorized special group is denied, the department shall promptly return the application to the group or organization, together with a provide notice stating the reason for of the denial. All actions and decisions of the department and the legislature with respect to applications under this paragraph shall be final and not subject to judicial review under ch. 227.

****Note: I made the changes to subd. 4., above, because under the new procedure DOT does not make any substantive decisions on the application and may not have any knowledge of the reason for the legislature's denial.

1 Section 18. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 5. of the statutes is repealed.

Section 19. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (**6r**) (fm) 6. The department shall establish by rule procedures for the designation of authorized special groups under this paragraph and for the issuance or the discontinuation of issuance of special group plates under this subsection to members of an authorized special group <u>and</u>, as applicable, persons interested in <u>supporting the authorized special group</u>.

Section 20. 341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 8. a. An authorized special group may, as provided in subd. 2. d., be, or designate a state agency as, the recipient for voluntary payments collected by the department in connection with the initial issuance or renewal of special plates associated with the authorized special group. With each initial issuance or renewal, the voluntary payment shall be \$25 for special plates issued or renewed on an annual basis and \$50 for special plates issued or renewed on a biennial basis except that, if the plate is issued or renewed during the 2nd year of a biennial registration period, the voluntary payment for that year shall be \$25. This voluntary payment is in addition to any fee collected by the department. If an authorized special group included a statement under subd. 2. d. in its application, no plate may be issued for the authorized special group unless the voluntary payment is collected. All moneys received under this subd. 8. a. shall be deposited into the general fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eL). To the extent permitted under ch. 71, the voluntary payment under this subd. 8. a. is deductible as a charitable contribution for purposes of the taxes under ch. 71.

b. Subject to subd. 8. c., if the department collects voluntary payments under subd. 8. a., the department shall, from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eL),

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1	make payments of all such moneys collected to the authorized special groups or
2	designated state agency.
3	c. The department shall cease collecting voluntary payments under subd. 8. a.
4	if the department has knowledge that the recipient of these moneys has dissolved,
5	become insolvent, or filed a petition for bankruptcy or that moneys forwarded to the
6	recipient under subd. 8. b. have been used for any purpose prohibited under subd.
7	8. d.
8	d. No moneys received under subd. 8. b. may be used for any political purpose,
9	including for lobbying or campaign activities or to otherwise influence legislation or
10	assist any political campaign or candidate for public office.
11	Section 21. 341.145 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	341.145 (1) (c) A registration plate of the same color and design as provided in
13	s. $341.14(6r)$ for a vehicle specified under s. $341.14(6r)$, which displays the applicable
14	symbol of the authorized special group to which the person belongs or supports and
15	a registration number composed of letters or numbers, or both, not exceeding 6

positions and not less than one position, requested by the applicant.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after

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SECTION 22. Effective date.

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