



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 229**  
[2017 Senate Bill 360]

**Registration Plates for  
Firefighters and Emergency  
Medical Services Practitioners  
and Responders**

Current law enumerates various authorized groups whose members may obtain a special registration plate from the Department of Transportation (DOT). Among the authorized groups are: (1) firefighters and surviving spouses of firefighters who die in the line of duty; and (2) persons who are licensed as emergency service practitioners or emergency medical responders (collectively, EMS).

For most special registration plates, DOT must charge a \$15 fee, in addition to the applicable annual vehicle registration fee, to issue or reissue the plates. 2017 Wisconsin Act 229 provides that the additional \$15 does not apply to firefighter and EMS plates.

*Effective date:* The elimination of the additional \$15 fee for firefighter and EMS plates initially applies to applications for registration received by DOT on the Act's effective date, which is April 5, 2018.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.