



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 480

Senate Amendment 1

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Under current law, members of certain designated special groups may obtain special registration plates for certain vehicles that are owned or leased by special group members. A fee, in addition to the regular registration fee for the particular kind of vehicle, is charged for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates.

Also, in addition to these fees, in some cases, special group members must make an annual voluntary payment that is directed to a charitable organization or other entity associated with the special group.

Current law establishes an authorized special group for persons interested in expressing their support for the family members of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Currently, no voluntary payment is required for the issuance or reissuance of these plates.

The bill requires that, in addition to the other applicable registration fees, these special group members must make a \$10 annual voluntary payment (or \$20 if registration is renewed every two years). Funds from the voluntary payment are divided equally between Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial, Inc., and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Funds received by the latter must be expended in the State of Wisconsin.

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The amendment changes the amount of the annual voluntary payment specified in the bill from \$10 to \$25 (and also from \$20 to \$50 if registration is renewed every two years).

BILL HISTORY

Senator Cowles offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 480 on October 27, 2018. On January 30, 2018, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and Senate Bill 480, as amended.

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