2017 SENATE BILL 360

July 13, 2017 - Introduced by Senators Marklein, Testin, Nass and L. Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Spiros, Tranel, Anderson, Horlacher, Murphy, Novak, Subeck, Tusler and Wachs. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

AN ACT to amend 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes; relating to: special registration plate fees for fire fighter, rescue squad member, and emergency medical technician and first responder special registration plates.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill exempts special group plates for fire fighters, rescue squad members, and emergency medical technicians and first responders (EMTs) from special registration plate fees.

Current law enumerates various authorized special groups whose members may obtain from the Department of Transportation special registration plates for certain vehicles that are owned or leased by special group members. Among the special groups are two special groups for fire fighters and EMTs (one group for each of the two styles of special registration plates DOT offers for fire fighters and EMTs) and one special group for rescue squad members.

Under current law, DOT collects a registration fee for the initial registration or registration renewal of most motor vehicles operated on the highway. The amount of the registration fee varies by type of vehicle with automobiles subject to a $75 annual registration fee. In addition to the regular registration fee, DOT charges a fee of $15 for the issuance or reissuance of most special registration plates.

Under this bill, there is no $15 additional fee for fire fighter, rescue squad member, or EMT special registration plates.
For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (b) 2. An additional fee of $15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance of the plates for special groups specified under par. (f), except that no additional fee may be charged under this subdivision for the issuance or reissuance of the plates for special groups specified under par. (f) 1. to 32., 34., 48. to 49s., 51., 56., or 62.

**SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to applications for registration received by the department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.