May 15, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives VRUWINK, ZAMARRIPA, CROWLEY, SPREITZER, SKOWRONSKI, BALLWEG, TRANEL, TUSLER, OHNSTAD, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, BROSTOFF, FIELDS, SHANKLAND, STUBBS, BILLINGS and ANDERSON, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, SMITH and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 25.29 (1) (a) and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and to create 25.40 (1) (a) 38., 27.01 (7) (c) 13., 341.14 (6r) (b) 23. and 341.14 (6r) (f) 70. of the statutes; relating to: special registration plates providing admission to state parks and recreation areas and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows persons interested in expressing their support for state parks to obtain special registration plates that provide admission into state parks and recreation areas.

Under current law, members of certain designated special groups may obtain from the Department of Transportation 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.

The bill establishes an authorized special group specifically enumerated in state law for persons interested in obtaining special plates expressing support for state parks. The bill provides that, in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to make a voluntary payment for issuance or reissuance of the special plates that is equal to the amount required for an annual vehicle admission receipt issued by the Department of Natural Resources (currently $27.50).
The bill provides that $23,700 of the funds from the voluntary payment are retained by DOT for the initial costs of production of these special plates. After this, the voluntary payment is deposited in the conservation fund for use for state parks.

Under current law, vehicles entering state parks or DNR recreational sites are required to display an annual or daily admission receipt. The bill provides that no vehicle admission receipt is required for any vehicle displaying a current state park special registration plate issued by DOT.

For further information see the state and local 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. 25.29 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

25.29 (1) (a) Except as provided in ss. 25.293 and 25.295, all moneys accruing to the state for or in behalf of the department under chs. 26, 27, 28, 29, 169, and 350, subchs. I and VI of ch. 77 and ss. 23.09 to 23.31, 23.325, 23.33, 23.335, except as provided in ss. 25.40 (1) (bt), 23.35 to 23.42, 23.50 to 23.99, 30.50 to 30.55, 71.10 (5), 71.30 (10), and 90.21, and 341.14 (6r) (b) 23., including grants received from the federal government or any of its agencies except as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. 25.40 (1) (a) 38. of the statutes is created to read:

25.40 (1) (a) 38. Moneys received under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 23. that are deposited into the conservation fund.

SECTION 3. 27.01 (7) (c) 13. of the statutes is created to read:

27.01 (7) (c) 13. Any vehicle displaying a current state park special registration plate issued by the department of transportation under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 70.

SECTION 4. 341.14 (6r) (b) 23. of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6r) (b) 23. In addition to the fee under subd. 2., a voluntary payment equal to the amount of the fee for an annual vehicle admission receipt under s. 27.01 (7) (f) 1. shall be collected in connection with the issuance or renewal of a plate issued
on an annual basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 70. In addition to the fee under subd. 2., a voluntary payment equal to twice the amount of the fee for an annual vehicle admission receipt under s. 27.01 (7) (f) 1. shall be collected in connection with the issuance or renewal of a plate issued on a biennial basis for the special group specified under par. (f) 70. if the plate is issued or renewed during the first year of the biennial registration period or equal to the amount of the fee for an annual vehicle admission receipt under s. 27.01 (7) (f) 1. for the issuance or renewal if the plate is issued or renewed during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. No plate may be issued for the special group specified under par. (f) 70. unless the voluntary payment under this subdivision is collected. All moneys received under this subdivision in excess of $23,700, for the initial costs of production for the special group plates, shall be deposited in the conservation fund for use for state parks.

**SECTION 5.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 70. of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6r) (f) 70. Persons interested in expressing their support for state parks.

**SECTION 6.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (fm) 7. After October 1, 1998, additional authorized special groups may only be special groups designated by the department under this paragraph. The authorized special groups enumerated in par. (f) shall be limited solely to those special groups specified under par. (f) on October 1, 1998. This subdivision does not apply to the special groups specified under par. (f) 3m., 6m., 9g., 9m., 12g., 12m., 15m., 15n., 15o., 15p., 15q., 19m., 33m., 48m., 49d., 49h., 49s., 54., 55., 55m., 56., 57., 58., 59., 60., 61., 61m., 61r., 62., 63., 64., 65., 65m., 66., 67., 68., and 69., and 70.