AN ACT relating to: discontinuance of certain special group plates.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, certain special group motor vehicle registration plates issued by the Department of Transportation are discontinued if, at certain intervals, DOT receives fewer than 500 applications for registration renewal for vehicles for which these special plates were issued. Current law requires DOT to assess the sufficiency of the number of applications every three years. Special group plates affected by this requirement are plates expressing support for Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Boy Scouts of America, Whitetails Unlimited, Wisconsin Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the nursing profession.

Under this bill, DOT may not discontinue a special plate for failure to maintain a sufficient number of applications if the number of applications for the plate was less than 500 in 2020, but greater than 500 in 2021.

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. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Notwithstanding s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1m. cm., e., f., g., and h. and (fm), the department of transportation may not discontinue a special plate under s. 341.14 (6r)
(b) 1m. cm., e., f., g., or h. or (fm) due to an insufficient number of applications for registration renewal for vehicles for which the plates were issued in calendar year 2020, unless the department processes fewer than 500 valid registrations for vehicles registered by persons interested in receiving the special plate under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1m. cm., e., f., g., or h. or (fm) for the vehicle in calendar year 2021.