

1983 Assembly Bill 880

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AN ACT to renumber and amend 341.16 (1); to amend 341.145 (1) (a) and 341.145 (3); and to create 341.14 (6m), 341.145 (1) (am) and 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes, relating to special and personalized license plates for automobiles and station wagons owned by members of the Wisconsin national guard.

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

SECTION 1. 341.14 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (6m) (a) Upon application to register an automobile, station wagon or motor truck which has a gross weight of not more than 6,000 pounds by any person who is a member of the Wisconsin national guard and upon submission of a statement from the adjutant general verifying membership, the department shall issue to the person special plates whose colors and design shall be determined by the department, after consultation with the adjutant general, and which have the words "Wisconsin guard member" placed on the plates in the manner designated by the department. An additional fee of \$10 shall

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be charged for the issuance of the plates. Registration plates issued under this subsection shall expire annually on August 31.

(b) If an individual in possession of special plates does not maintain membership in the Wisconsin national guard during a year which is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall:

1. Dispose of the special plates in a manner prescribed by the department;
2. In addition to the regular application fee, pay a \$4 fee for the issuance of replacement plates; and
3. Return the certificate of title to the department for correction.

SECTION 2. 341.145 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 (1) (a) In this section, "personalized license plate" means a registration plate for an owned automobile, station wagon or a motor truck which has a gross weight of not more than 6,000 pounds, which displays a registration number composed of letters or numbers, or both, requested by the applicant. Personalized license plates shall be of the same color and design as regular license plates, except as provided in par. (am), and shall consist of numbers or letters, or any combination thereof, not exceeding 6 positions and not less than 2 positions.

SECTION 3. 341.145 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

341.145 (1) (am) Special license plates issued under s. 341.14 (6m) which are personalized as provided in this section shall be of the same color and design as provided in s. 341.14 (6m).

SECTION 4. 341.145 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 (3) In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (a) or (b) or (2), the applicant for a personalized license plate shall pay a fee of \$10 for the issuance of the plate and \$10 in each succeeding year to maintain the plate. The fee for reissuance of a personalized plate shall be \$10. An applicant for personalized plates issued under sub. (1) (am) shall not be required to pay the \$10 fee for initial issuance of the plates but shall be required to pay \$10 in each succeeding year to maintain the plates.

SECTION 5. 341.16 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 341.16 (1) (a) and amended to read:

341.16 (1) (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the department for replacement. ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in par. (b), upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of \$2 for each plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

SECTION 6. 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

341.16 (1) (b) Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a special plate issued under s. 341.14 (6m) (a) or a special personalized plate issued under s. 341.145 (1) (am) and upon payment of a fee of \$5 for each plate, the department shall issue a replacement.