



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**TRANSPORTATION**

**DRIVERS AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

***Replacement of motor vehicle registration plates***

This bill requires DOT to replace motor vehicle registration plates on a rolling 10-year basis beginning in 2021.

Under current law, DOT must establish new designs for plates at intervals determined by DOT. Subsequently, DOT must issue plates with the new design at a time determined by DOT. Plates may also be replaced upon application of a vehicle owner in the case of lost, destroyed, or illegible plates.

Under the bill, beginning with registrations effective July 1, 2021, if the registration for a vehicle is renewed and plates for that vehicle have not been issued during the previous 10 years, DOT must issue two new registration plates for the vehicle. The bill requires DOT to assess a \$6.25 fee for the replacement 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.** 341.135 of the statutes is renumbered 341.135 (1) and amended to read:

341.135 (1) DESIGN. At intervals determined by the department, the department shall establish new designs of registration plates to be issued under ss. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), and (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), and (j) and (2) (a), (b), and (c), and 341.26 (2) and (3) (a) 1. and (am). Any design for registration plates issued for automobiles and for vehicles registered on the basis of gross weight shall comply with the applicable design requirements of ss. 341.12 (3), 341.13, and 341.14 (6r) (c). The designs for registration plates specified in this ~~section~~ subsection shall be as similar in appearance as practicable during each design interval. Except as provided in ss. 341.13 (2r) and 341.14 (1), each registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c), or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am) during each design interval shall be of the design established under this ~~section~~ subsection. The department may not redesign registration plates for the special groups under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or 55. until July 1, 2010. ~~Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3), as the department establishes new designs for registration plates under this section, the department shall, at the time determined appropriate by the department, issue registration plates of the new design to replace registration plates previously issued. This section does not apply to special group plates under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 19m., 33m., and 48m.~~

**SECTION 2.** 341.135 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

341.135 (2) ISSUANCE. Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3), beginning with registrations initially effective July 1, 2021, upon receipt of a completed application to renew the registration of a vehicle under ss. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2) (a), (b), or (c), or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a)

1. or (am) for which a registration plate has not been issued during the previous 10 years, the department shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant 2 new registration plates of the design established under sub. (1).

**SECTION 3.** 341.135 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

341.135 (3) APPLICABILITY. This section does not apply to special group plates under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 19m., 33m., or 48m.

**SECTION 4.** 341.16 (2s) of the statutes is created to read:

341.16 (2s) When the owner of a vehicle applies to the department to renew the registration of a vehicle for which new plates are required under s. 341.135 (2), and upon payment of a fee of \$6.25, the department shall issue new replacement plates. Upon receipt of replacement plates, the applicant shall destroy the replaced plates.

(END)