

# WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

### 2009 Wisconsin Act 230 [2009 Senate Bill 627]

## Special Registration Plates for Women Veterans

#### CURRENT LAW

Under current law, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for designation as an authorized special group. If the application is approved, members of the authorized special group may obtain special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes 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.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special plates were specifically enumerated in state law. With certain exceptions, current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

#### **2009 WISCONSIN ACT 230**

2009 Wisconsin Act 230 establishes an authorized special group for women veterans. The Act provides that:

- In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates.
- Except for the initial costs of production of the special group plate or \$23,700, whichever is less, this \$15 fee received by DOT for these special group plates is deposited in the veterans trust fund.

Effective date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 230 takes effect on June 1, 2011.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/">http://www.legis.state.wi.us/</a>.