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<b>2017 Wisconsin Act 194</b> [2017 Assembly Bill 381]	<b>Voluntary Payment for Registration Plates Supporting Families of Law Enforcement Officers Who Have Died in the Line of Duty</b>
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Under existing law, members of certain designated special groups may obtain 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.

In some cases, in addition to these fees, special group members must make an annual voluntary payment that is directed to a charitable organization or other entity associated with the special group.

State law establishes an authorized special group for persons interested in expressing their support for the family members of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Under prior law, no voluntary payment was required for the issuance or reissuance of these plates.

2017 Wisconsin Act 194 requires that, in addition to the other applicable registration fees, these special group members must make a \$25 annual voluntary payment (or \$50 if registration is renewed every two years). Funds from the voluntary payment are divided equally between Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial, Inc., and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Funds received by the latter must be expended in the State of Wisconsin.

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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: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.