



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 194

Assembly Amendment 1

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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 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 assessed for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special distinguishing registration plates were specifically enumerated in state law.

However, current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

Assembly Bill 194 creates exceptions to the general prohibition against specifically enumerating in state law special groups whose members may apply for special group registration plates. The bill establishes the following authorized groups:

- (1) U.S. Military Academy (West Point),
- (2) U.S. Naval Academy,
- (3) U.S. Air Force Academy,
- (4) U.S. Coast Guard Academy,
- (5) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and
- (6) Civil Air Patrol.

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.

Assembly Amendment 1 amends the bill in two ways:

- (1) It requires the first \$10,200 collected from fees for the special group plates in the bill to be placed in a specific appropriation account that is used to produce and issue the special group plates.
- (2) In the original bill, the Packer license plate was inadvertently eliminated as a special group enumerated in state law. This amendment simply adds back the Packer plate as a special group enumerated in state law.

Legislative History

On August 14, 2003, the Assembly Committee on Transportation introduced and recommended for adoption Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

The Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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