



2009 SENATE BILL 17

January 27, 2009 - Introduced by Senators HANSEN, WIRCH, LEHMAN, SCHULTZ, TAYLOR and LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representatives HILGENBERG, KAUFERT, ROTH, SPANBAUER and GUNDERSON. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 341.08 (2) (f) and 341.14 (6m) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles owned by
3 members of the national guard and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, state residents who are members or retired members of the national guard may obtain, for automobiles and certain other vehicles that they own or lease, special distinguishing registration plates that display the words “Wisconsin guard member” (national guard special plates).

Under this bill, if an applicant for initial issuance of national guard special plates identifies himself or herself as a member or former member of the 32nd Infantry Brigade, the 57th Field Artillery Brigade, Joint Forces Headquarters, the 115th Fighter Wing, or the 128th Air Refueling Wing, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of these special plates, a decal (sticker) that includes a symbol associated with the unit of which the applicant is or was a member. An applicant for renewal of registration of national guard special plates may also receive this sticker, free of charge, if the sticker was not previously provided to the applicant by DOT.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SENATE BILL 17**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 341.08 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

2 341.08 **(2)** (f) If the application is for registration of a vehicle under s. 341.14
3 (6m), an opportunity for the applicant to identify himself or herself as a member or
4 former member of the 32nd Infantry Brigade, the 57th Field Artillery Brigade, Joint
5 Forces Headquarters, the 115th Fighter Wing, or the 128th Air Refueling Wing.

6 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6m) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

7 341.14 **(6m)** (d) 1. If an applicant for initial issuance of special plates under this
8 subsection identifies himself or herself in the application as a member or former
9 member of the 32nd Infantry Brigade, the 57th Field Artillery Brigade, Joint Forces
10 Headquarters, the 115th Fighter Wing, or the 128th Air Refueling Wing, the
11 department shall provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of the plates issued
12 under this subsection, a decal that includes a symbol associated with the unit of
13 which the applicant is or was a member and instructions for placement of the decal
14 on the special plate.

15 2. Upon receiving any application for renewal of registration of a vehicle for
16 which special plates have been issued under this subsection, if the applicant
17 identifies himself or herself in the application as a member or former member of the
18 32nd Infantry Brigade, the 57th Field Artillery Brigade, Joint Forces Headquarters,
19 the 115th Fighter Wing, or the 128th Air Refueling Wing and if the department has
20 not previously provided a decal under subd. 1. or 3., the department shall provide a
21 decal described in subd. 1. to the applicant, free of charge, with instructions for
22 placement of the decal on one of the special plates.

23 3. Notwithstanding subd. 2., upon receiving any application for renewal of
24 registration of a vehicle for which special plates have been issued under this
25 subsection, if the applicant identifies himself or herself in the application as a

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1 member or former member of the 32nd Infantry Brigade, the 57th Field Artillery
2 Brigade, Joint Forces Headquarters, the 115th Fighter Wing, or the 128th Air
3 Refueling Wing and if the department is required under s. 341.135 (2) to issue new
4 registration plates for the vehicle, the department shall provide to the applicant, to
5 be affixed to one of these plates, a decal described in subd. 1. and instructions for
6 placement of the decal on the plate.

7 4. This paragraph also applies to personalized registration plates issued under
8 s. 341.145 (1g) (a).

9 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

10 (1) Notwithstanding section 16.42 (1) (e) of the statutes, if this subsection takes
11 effect in fiscal year 2010-11, in submitting information under section 16.42 of the
12 statutes for purposes of the 2011-13 biennial budget bill, the department of
13 transportation shall submit information concerning the appropriation under section
14 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes as though the total amount appropriated under section
15 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes for the 2010-11 fiscal year was \$15,800 less than the
16 total amount that was actually appropriated under section 20.395 (5) (cq) for the
17 2010-11 fiscal year.

18 **SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

19 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
20 to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as
21 affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by \$15,800 for the fiscal
22 year in which this subsection takes effect to increase funding for decals for special
23 registration plates issued to members and retired members of the national guard.

24 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

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1 (1) This act first applies to applications for original or renewal vehicle
2 registration received by the department of transportation on the effective date of this
3 subsection.

4 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

5 (1) This act takes effect on first day of the 4th month beginning after
6 publication.

7 (END)