

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 SENATE BILL 432

February 6, 2012 – Introduced by Senator Hansen, cosponsored by Representatives Turner, Fields and Rivard. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

AN ACT to amend 27.01 (7) (f) 1., 27.01 (7) (f) 2., 27.01 (7) (f) 3., 27.01 (7) (f) 4., 1 2 27.01 (7) (gm) 3., 27.01 (7) (gm) 4., 100.51 (5) (b) 1., 121.53 (4), 167.31 (4) (cg) 5., 341.09 (1) (a), 341.09 (1) (b), 341.09 (2) (a), 341.09 (2) (d), 341.09 (9), 341.11 3 (4), 341.12 (1), 341.12 (2), 341.13 (2), 341.13 (2r), 341.14 (1), 341.14 (1a), 341.14 4 (1m), 341.14 (1g), 341.14 (2), 341.14 (2m), 341.14 (5), 341.14 (6) (c), 341.14 (6) 5 6 (d), 341.14 (6m) (a), 341.14 (6m) (b), 341.14 (6m) (d) 1., 341.14 (6m) (d) 2., 341.14 7 (6m) (d) 3., 341.14 (6r) (b) 1., 341.14 (6r) (b) 2., 341.14 (6r) (g), 341.14 (7), 341.142, 341.145 (1g) (a), 341.145 (1g) (b), 341.145 (1g) (c), 341.145 (1g) (d), 8 9 341.145 (1g) (e), 341.145 (1r), 341.145 (2) (intro.), 341.145 (3), 341.145 (7), 10 341.145 (8), 341.15 (1) (intro.), 341.15 (1) (b), 341.15 (2), 341.16 (1) (a), 341.16 11 (1) (b), 341.16 (2), 341.16 (2e), 341.16 (2m), 341.16 (3), 341.16 (4), 341.265 (1), 341.265 (1m), 341.266 (2) (a), 341.266 (2) (c), 341.266 (2) (d), 341.266 (2) (e) 3., 12 13 341.266 (3), 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.), 341.268 (2) (c), 341.268 (2) (d), 341.268 (2) 14 (e) 3., 341.268 (3), 341.269 (2) (c), 341.27 (3) (a), 341.27 (3) (b), 341.28 (2) (intro.),

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341.28 (2) (a), 341.28 (2) (b), 341.28 (3), 341.28 (4) (intro.), 341.29 (2), 341.295 (3) (a), 341.295 (3) (b), 341.31 (1) (b) 5., 341.31 (4) (b), 341.31 (4) (c), 341.32 (1), 341.33 (2), 341.33 (3), 341.335 (1), 341.41 (8) (a), 341.51 (2), 341.625 (1), 341.63 (3) (a), 341.63 (3) (b) (intro.), 341.65 (1) (b), 342.05 (5), 342.15 (4) (a), 342.15 (4) (b), 342.15 (4) (c), 342.34 (1) (c), 342.34 (2) (c), 343.51 (1), 344.45 (1), 344.55 (2), 346.50 (2), 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (2a) (a), 346.50 (2a) (b), 346.50 (2a) (c), 346.50 (2a) (d), 346.50 (2a) (e), 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2) (a), 346.505 (2) (b), 346.505 (2) (c), 349.13 (1m) and 885.237 (2); and *to create* 85.57 and 341.15 (1g) of the statutes; **relating to:** a single registration plate for motor vehicles registered with the Department of Transportation and transfers from the transportation fund to the general fund.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issues two registration plates for most motor vehicles. The owner of the motor vehicle must display one plate on the front of the vehicle and one plate on the rear of the vehicle.

This bill directs DOT to issue only one registration plate for most motor vehicles. With limited exceptions, the registration plate must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

Under current law, moneys may not be transferred from the transportation fund to any other fund.

The bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2012–13, the secretary of administration transfer from the transportation fund to the general fund an amount in each fiscal year equal to the savings realized in the change to a single registration plate for motor vehicles.

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:

27.01 (7) (f) 1. Except as provided in par. (gm), the fee for an annual vehicle
admission receipt is \$24.50 for each vehicle that has \underline{a} Wisconsin registration plates
<u>plate</u> , except that no fee is charged for a receipt issued under s. 29.235 (6).
Section 2. 27.01 (7) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (7) (f) 2. Except as provided in subds. 3. and 4. and par. (gm) 4., the fee
for a daily vehicle admission receipt is \$6.85 for any vehicle which has \underline{a} Wisconsing
registration plates plate.
Section 3. 27.01 (7) (f) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (7) (f) 3. Subject to par. (gm) 5., the fee for a daily vehicle admission
receipt for a motor bus that has \underline{a} Wisconsin registration \underline{plates} \underline{plate} is \$9.85.
Section 4. 27.01 (7) (f) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (7) (f) 4. Notwithstanding subd. 3. and subject to par. (gm) 5., the fee for
a daily vehicle admission receipt for a motor bus which primarily transports
residents from nursing homes located in this state is \$3.35, for any motor bus which
has <u>a</u> Wisconsin registration <u>plates</u> <u>plate</u> .
Section 5. 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (7) (gm) 3. Notwithstanding par. (f) 1., the fee for an annual vehicle
admission receipt for a vehicle that has <u>a</u> Wisconsin registration <u>plates</u> and that
is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is \$9.50.
SECTION 6. 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (7) (gm) 4. Notwithstanding par. (f) 2., the fee for a daily vehicle
admission receipt for a vehicle that has <u>a</u> Wisconsin registration <u>plates</u> <u>plate</u> and that
is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. $29.001 (72)$, is $\$2.85$.
Section 7. 85.57 of the statutes is created to read:

85.57 Transfers from transportation fund to general fund. Notwithstanding s. 25.40 (3) (a), in fiscal year 2012–13, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the secretary of administration shall transfer from the transportation fund to the general fund an amount equal to the savings realized in that fiscal year by the department as a result of issuing a single registration plate for motor vehicles under s. 341.12 (1) instead of 2 registration plates.

SECTION 8. 100.51 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

100.51 (5) (b) 1. The motor vehicle displays <u>a</u> special registration <u>plates plate</u> issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or is a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displays a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction that designates that the vehicle is used by a physically disabled person.

Section 9. 121.53 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.53 (4) Every school board shall require that there be filed with it and with the department of transportation a certificate of insurance showing that an insurance policy has been procured and is in effect which covers the owner and operator of the school bus and the school board or shall procure an insurance policy and file such certificate with the department of transportation. Unless such certificate is on file with the department of transportation, no registration plates plate for a school bus may be issued by the department of transportation. No such policy may be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason, unless a notice thereof is filed with the department of transportation and with the school board by the insurer at least 10 days prior to the date of termination or cancellation. The department of transportation shall revoke the registration of a school bus on

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which the policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of termination or cancellation.

SECTION 10. 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

167.31 (4) (cg) 5. The vehicle bears <u>a</u> special registration <u>plates plate</u> issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), or (1m) or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches square on which is conspicuously written "disabled hunter".

SECTION 11. 341.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

as provided under subs. (2), (2m) and (9) and may issue a temporary operation permit or plate for an unregistered vehicle as otherwise provided under this section. Except as provided in par. (b), the permits or plates plate shall contain the date of expiration and sufficient information to identify the vehicle for which and the person to whom it is issued. The department may place the information identifying the vehicle and the person to whom the permit or plate is issued on a separate form. Except as provided in subs. (3) to (5), a temporary operation plate issued under this section is valid for a period of 90 days or until the applicant receives the regular registration plates plate, whichever occurs first.

Section 12. 341.09 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (1) (b) The department shall specify by rule the size, color, design, form and specifications of temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an automobile or motor truck automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less, and the system to be used to identify the date of issuance of such plates. All temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an automobile or motor truck automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight

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of 8,000 pounds or less shall contain -a registration number numbers composed of letters or numbers.

SECTION 13. 341.09 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (2) (a) Upon request therefor by a person who has made a verifiable application for registration and paid the registration fee, the department shall issue a temporary operation permit or plate if it appears that the person would otherwise be unable to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the registration plates plate.

SECTION 14. 341.09 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (2) (d) The department may issue <u>a</u> temporary operation <u>plates plate</u> for use on any vehicle except buses, for-hire vehicles and vehicles which are subject to registration under the international registration plan if the state is a party to such plan or vehicles which are subject to registration under s. 341.41 (9). The department shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications of the plate. The department shall charge a fee of \$3 for each temporary operation plate issued under this subsection.

Section 15. 341.09 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.09 (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department shall issue a temporary operation plate or a temporary permit without charge for an automobile or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less upon receipt of a complete application accompanied by the required fee for registration of the vehicle, including evidence of any inspection under s. 110.20 when required, if the department does not immediately issue the regular registration plates plate for the vehicle and the department determines that the applicant has not otherwise been issued a temporary operation plate or a temporary permit under this section.

Section 16. 341.11 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.11 (4) In the case of a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight for which a special registration plates have plate has been issued under s. 341.14 (2), (6), (6m) or (6r) or for which a personalized registration plates have plate has been issued under s. 341.145, or any motor bus, motor home, dual purpose motor home, motor truck, truck tractor or road tractor, the certificate of registration shall be displayed in a prominent place in the driver's compartment of the vehicle to which the certificate refers. Any person who operates and any person in whose name the vehicle is registered who consents to the operation of any such vehicle without the certificate of registration being so displayed may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

Section 17. 341.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.12 (1) The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to s. 341.25 or 341.30 shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant 2 registration plates for an automobile, motor truck, motor bus, school bus, motor home, or dual purpose motor home and one plate for other vehicles. The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to any other section shall issue one plate unless the department determines that 2 plates will better serve the interests of law enforcement one registration plate.

Section 18. 341.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.12 (2) The department shall purchase plates from the Waupun Correctional Institution unless otherwise approved by the governor. Subject to any specific requirements which may be imposed by statute, the department shall determine the size, color and design of <u>any</u> registration <u>plates</u> with a view toward making them the plate visible evidence of the period for which the vehicle is

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registered and the fee class into which the vehicle falls as well as making them the plate a ready means of identifying the specific vehicle or owner for which the plates were plate was issued.

Section 19. 341.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.13 (2) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration plates plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight except a dual purpose motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (6m), or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (6) shall indicate the weight class into which the vehicle falls in a manner prescribed by the department. The gross weight which determines the registration fee for a dual purpose motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (6m), or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14 (6) shall be shown on its certificate of registration.

Section 20. 341.13 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.13 (2r) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration plates plate for a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32. shall display the words "combat-wounded veteran." The department shall specify one combination of colors and design for a plate issued under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32., except that the department may not specify the colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in writing by the department of veterans affairs.

Section 21. 341.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (1) If any resident of this state who is registering or has registered an automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck

which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from the U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying to the department that the resident is, by reason of injuries sustained while in the active U.S. military service, a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the veteran, plates a plate of a special design in lieu of the plates plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates plate. The plates plate shall be colored red, white, and blue and the department shall consult the department of veterans affairs before specifying the design of the plates plate. The plates plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of such plates the plate.

Section 22. 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (1a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing

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in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying to the department that the resident is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person plates a plate of a special design in lieu of plates the plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates plate. The plates plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a nonveteran disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of such plates the plate.

Section 23. 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (1m) If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying that another person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for transportation is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver plates a plate of a special design in lieu of the plates plate which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or motor home, and shall renew the plates plate. The plates plate shall be so designed

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as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly dependent and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates plate. The plates plate shall conform to the plates plate required in sub. (1a).

Section 24. 341.14 (1q) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (1q) If any employer who provides an automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, for an employee's use submits to the department a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying that the employee is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to such employer plates a plate of a special design in lieu of the plates plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates plate. The plates plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates plate. The plates plate shall conform to the plates plate required in sub. (1a).

Section 25. 341.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (2) Upon compliance with the laws relating to registration of automobiles and motor homes; motor trucks, dual purpose motor homes, and dual purpose farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds; and farm trucks which have a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, including payment of the prescribed registration fees therefor plus an additional fee of \$15 when a registration plates are plate is issued accompanied by an application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant is the holder of an unexpired amateur radio station license issued by the federal communications commission, the department shall issue a registration plates plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration number, shall be inscribed in large legible form the call letters of such applicant as assigned by the federal communications commission. The fee for reissuance of a plate under this subsection shall be \$15.

Section 26. 341.14 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (2m) Upon compliance with laws relating to registration of motor vehicles, including payment of the prescribed fee, and an additional fee of \$15 when the original or new registration plates are plate is issued and accompanied by an application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant has a collector's identification number as provided in s. 341.266 (2) (d), the department shall issue a registration plates plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration number, shall be inscribed the collector's identification number issued under s. 341.266 (2) (d). The words "VEHICLE COLLECTOR" shall be inscribed across the lower or upper portion of the plate at the discretion of the department. Additional registrations under this subsection by the same collector shall bear the same collector's identification number

1	followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification. Registration plates issued under
2	this subsection shall expire annually.
3	SECTION 27. 341.14 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (5) Upon application by any person awarded the congressional medal of honor and submission of proper proof thereof, the department shall issue <u>a</u> special plates plate so designed as to indicate such award. No charge whatever shall be made for the issuance of such plates the plate.

SECTION 28. 341.14 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6) (c) A person who maintains no more than one registration under this subsection at one time shall not be charged a fee for registration of the vehicle or issuance of the plates plate.

SECTION 29. 341.14 (6) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6) (d) For each additional vehicle, a person who maintains more than one registration under this subsection at one time shall be charged a fee of \$15 for issuance or reissuance of the plates plate in addition to the annual registration fee for the vehicle. Except as provided in par. (c), a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under this subsection shall be registered under this paragraph.

Section 30. 341.14 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(6m)** (a) Upon application to register an automobile or a motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home, or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a member or retired member of the national guard, the department shall issue to the person <u>a</u> special <u>plates plate</u> whose colors and design shall be determined by the department and which <u>have has</u> the words "Wisconsin guard member" placed on

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the plates plate in the manner designated by the department. The department shall consult with or obtain the approval of the adjutant general with respect to any word or symbol used to identify the national guard. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance of the plates plate. Registration plates issued under this subsection shall expire annually.

SECTION 31. 341.14 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(6m)** (b) Except as provided in par. (c), if an individual in possession of <u>a</u> special <u>plates plate</u> under this subsection or of <u>a</u> personalized <u>plates plate</u> under s. 341.145 (1) (b) does not maintain membership in the national guard during a year which is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special <u>plates</u> <u>plate</u> in a manner prescribed by the department.

SECTION 32. 341.14 (6m) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(6m)** (d) 1. If an applicant for initial issuance of <u>a</u> special plates <u>plate</u> under this subsection identifies himself or herself in the application as a member or former member of a Wisconsin national guard unit identified by the department of military affairs under subd. 5., the department shall provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of the plates <u>the plate</u> issued under this subsection, a decal that includes a symbol associated with the unit of which the applicant is or was a member and instructions for placement of the decal on the special plate.

Section 33. 341.14 (6m) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6m) (d) 2. Upon receiving any application for renewal of registration of a vehicle for which <u>a</u> special <u>plates have plate has</u> been issued under this subsection, if the applicant identifies himself or herself in the application as a member or former member of a Wisconsin national guard unit identified by the department of military affairs under subd. 5. and if the department has not

previously provided a decal under subd. 1. or 3., the department shall provide a decal described in subd. 1. to the applicant, with instructions for placement of the decal on one of the special plates plate.

SECTION 34. 341.14 (6m) (d) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 **(6m)** (d) 3. Notwithstanding subd. 2., upon receiving any application for renewal of registration of a vehicle for which <u>a</u> special <u>plates have plate has</u> been issued under this subsection, if the applicant identifies himself or herself in the application as a member or former member of a Wisconsin national guard unit identified by the department of military affairs under subd. 5. and if the department is required under s. 341.135 (2) to issue <u>a</u> new registration <u>plates plate</u> for the vehicle, the department shall provide to the applicant, to be affixed to one of these <u>plates</u> the <u>plate</u>, a decal described in subd. 1. and instructions for placement of the decal on the plate.

Section 35. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (**6r**) (b) 1. Subject to subd. 1m., upon application to register an automobile or motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state and a member of an authorized special group, the department shall issue to the person <u>a</u> special plates <u>plate</u> whose colors and design shall indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member of the applicable special group. The department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 55., 60., or 61r. until 6 months after the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any approvals required for use of any logo, trademark, trade name or other commercial symbol designating the

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professional football team or the professional baseball team or associated with Harley-Davidson, Inc., have been obtained. Subject to sub. (9) (d), the department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 61m. until the department has received information sufficient for the department to determine that any license or other approval required for use of any logo, trademark or service mark, trade name or other commercial symbol to be used on or in association with these plates has been obtained. Notwithstanding s. 341.12 (2), if the department of corrections does not have flat-plate technology available for use in manufacturing license plates at quality and cost comparable to that available from the state of Minnesota, the department of transportation may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 59. unless the department of transportation purchases the plates from the state of Minnesota. Sections 16.70, 16.71, 16.72, 16.75, 16.752 to 16.755, 16.765, 16.77, and 16.82 do not apply to purchases of plates issued under par. (f) 59. from the state of Minnesota.

SECTION 36. 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (b) 2. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or reissuance of the plates plate for special groups specified under par. (f), except that no additional fee may be charged under this subdivision for the issuance or reissuance of the plates plate for special groups specified under par. (f) 1. to 32., 49. to 49s., 51., or 56.

Section 37. 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

341.14 (6r) (g) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2. and sub. (8) (a), if an individual in possession of a special plates plate under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m. or of a personalized plates plate under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as

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<u>a</u> special <u>plates plate</u> under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m., does not maintain membership in the applicable authorized special group during a year that is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special <u>plates plate</u> in a manner prescribed by the department. This paragraph does not apply to <u>plates a plate</u> issued to the surviving spouse of a fire fighter who died in the line of duty.

- 2. If an individual in possession of <u>a</u> special <u>plates plate</u> under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m. or of <u>a</u> personalized <u>plates plate</u> under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as <u>a</u> special <u>plates plate</u> under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m. suffers an injury in the course of his or her job duties as a fire fighter, rescue squad member, or emergency medical technician and the injury prevents the individual from subsequently performing such job duties, the individual may retain these <u>this</u> special <u>plates plate</u>.
 - **Section 38.** 341.14 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 341.14 (7) The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for a registration plates plate under sub. (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1q) relating to the parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request enforcement of s. 346.505.
 - **SECTION 39.** 341.142 of the statutes is amended to read:

341.142 Veterans honorary medal decals. If any person who is registering or has registered a vehicle specified in s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. submits a statement from the U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying to the department that the person has been awarded a medal authorized under an act of congress relating to that person's service in the U.S. armed forces, as defined in s. 40.02 (57m), the department shall, free of charge, procure, issue and deliver to that veteran one decal, similar in appearance to the medal awarded to that veteran, for each motor vehicle registered

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in the name of that veteran. Notwithstanding s. 341.61 (3), a decal issued under this section shall be displayed in the manner directed by the department on the rear registration plate of the vehicle registered in the name of the veteran to whom the decal was issued. The department shall specify one combination of colors and design for each medal authorized under an act of congress for which a statement has been received by the department under this section, except that the department may not specify the colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in writing by the state department of veterans affairs. Not more than one decal may be issued under this section for each motor vehicle registered in the name of a veteran.

- **Section 40.** 341.145 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 341.145 (**1g**) (a) The department may issue <u>a</u> personalized registration plates plate under sub. (1) (b) to a person who qualifies for <u>a</u> special plates plate under s. 341.14 (6m).
- **SECTION 41.** 341.145 (1g) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 341.145 (**1g**) (b) The department may issue <u>a</u> personalized registration plates plate under sub. (1) (c) to a person who qualifies for <u>a</u> special plates plate under s. 341.14 (6r).
- **SECTION 42.** 341.145 (1g) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 341.145 (**1g**) (c) The department may issue <u>a</u> personalized registration plates plate under sub. (1) (d) to a person who qualifies for <u>a</u> special plates plate under s. 341.14 (1).
- **SECTION 43.** 341.145 (1g) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 341.145 (**1g**) (d) The department may issue <u>a</u> personalized registration plates plate under sub. (1) (e) to a person who qualifies for <u>a</u> special plates plate under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m) or (1q).

SECTION 44.	341.145	(1g) (e)	of the statut	tes is am	ended to	read:

341.145 **(1g)** (e) The department may issue <u>a</u> personalized registration plates plate under sub. (1) (f) to a person who qualifies for <u>a</u> special plates plate under s. 341.14 (6w).

Section 45. 341.145 (1r) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 (**1r**) In lieu of the procedure under s. 341.13 (2), the department may issue <u>a</u> distinguishing tags or decals for tag or decal for a personalized registration plates plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight.

SECTION 46. 341.145 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 **(2)** (intro.) The department shall issue <u>a</u> personalized registration plates <u>plate</u> only upon request and if:

Section 47. 341.145 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 (3) In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (a), (c) or (j) or (2) or 341.26 (3) (a) 2. or (am), the applicant for a personalized registration plate issued on an annual basis shall pay a fee of \$15 for the issuance of the plate and \$15 in each succeeding year to maintain the plate. In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (b) or 341.26 (3) (a) 1., the applicant for a personalized registration plate issued on a biennial basis shall pay a fee of \$30 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued during the first year of the biennial registration period or \$15 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. The fee to maintain a personalized plate issued on a biennial basis is \$30. The fee for reissuance of a personalized plate shall be \$15 for an annual registration and \$30 for a biennial registration. An applicant for a personalized plates plate issued under sub. (1) (b) or (c) shall not be required to pay the fee for initial issuance of the plates plate.

Section 48. 341.145 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 (7) The department may refuse to issue any combination of letters or numbers, or both, which may carry connotations offensive to good taste or decency, or which would be misleading, or in conflict with the issuance of any other registration plates plate. All decisions of the department with respect to personalized registration plate applications shall be final and not subject to judicial review under ch. 227.

Section 49. 341.145 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.145 (8) The department may cancel and order the return of any personalized registration plates plate issued which contain contains any combination of letters or numbers, or both, which the department determines may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or which may be misleading. Any person ordered to return such plates a plate under this subsection shall either be reimbursed for any additional fees they paid for the plates plate for the registration year in which they are recalled, or be given at no additional cost a replacement personalized registration plates plate, the issuance of which is in compliance with the statutes. A person who fails to return a personalized registration plates plate upon request of the department may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

Section 50. 341.15 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.15 (1) (intro.) Whenever 2 registration plates are issued for a vehicle, one plate shall be attached to the front and one to the rear of the vehicle. Whenever only one registration plate is issued for a vehicle, the plate shall be attached as follows:

SECTION 51. 341.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.15 (1) (b) For any other vehicle for which only one plate is issued, to the rear, except that a plate issued to or for a municipality under s. 341.26 (2m) may be attached to the front of the vehicle if the design or use of the vehicle is such as to make a plate attached to the rear difficult to see and read.

Section 52. 341.15 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

341.15 (1g) The owner of any vehicle for which 2 registration plates were issued before the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], may remove and destroy one registration plate from the vehicle but is not required to do so until such time as the department issues a new plate upon the renewal of registration of the vehicle. If a person removes and destroys one plate, the plate removed may not display a registration decal or tag and the remaining plate must comply with the requirements of sub. (1).

Section 53. 341.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.15 (2) Registration plates A registration plate shall be attached firmly and rigidly in a horizontal position and conspicuous place. The plates plate shall at all times be maintained in a legible condition and shall be so displayed that they it can be readily and distinctly seen and read. Any peace officer may require the operator of any vehicle on which plates are a plate is not properly displayed to display such plates the plate as required by this section.

Section 54. 341.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 (1) (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of \$2 for each the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

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Section 55. 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to real	ECTION 5	55 . 341 1	3(1)(b)	of the	statutes is	s amended	to read
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341.16 (1) (b) Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a special plate issued under s. 341.14 (6m) (a), (6r) (b), or (6w) or a special personalized plate issued under s. 341.145 (1) (b), (c), or (f) and upon payment of a fee of \$5 for each the plate or, if the plate is for a special group specified under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 35. to 47. or 53., \$6 for each the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

Section 56. 341.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 (2) Whenever a current registration plate becomes illegible, the owner of the vehicle to which the plate is attached shall apply to the department for a replacement. Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon receipt of satisfactory proof of illegibility, and upon payment of a fee of \$2 for each the plate, the department shall issue a replacement. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy the illegible plate.

SECTION 57. 341.16 (2e) of the statutes, as created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

341.16 (2e) The owner of a vehicle to which <u>a</u> special group plates <u>plate</u> under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 33. or 48. are <u>is</u> attached may apply to the department for <u>a</u> replacement special group plates <u>plate</u> under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 33m. or 48m., respectively. Upon receipt of the application and payment of a fee of \$40, the department shall issue the replacement special group plates <u>plate</u>. Upon receipt of <u>a</u> replacement plates <u>plate</u>, the applicant shall destroy the replaced plates <u>plate</u>.

Section 58. 341.16 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 (2m) Upon request therefor and payment of a fee of \$10, the department may issue an applicant for <u>a</u> replacement <u>plates plate</u> for an automobile registered pursuant to the registration system under s. 341.27 <u>a</u> registration <u>plates plate</u> of the

design specified in s. 341.13 for the plate issuance cycle next succeeding the cycle under which the original plates were plate was issued. The department may limit the receipt of requests under this subsection to applicants for a renewal registration of a motor vehicle.

Section 59. 341.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.16 (3) When issuing a replacement plate, the department may assign a new number and issue a new plate rather than a duplicate of the original if in its judgment that is in the best interests of economy or prevention of fraud. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy all plates the plate replaced.

SECTION 60. 341.16 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

341.16 (4) Any person issued <u>a</u> replacement <u>plates plate</u> who fails to destroy the original <u>plates plate</u> as required by sub. (2), (2e), or (3) may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

Section 61. 341.265 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.265 (1) Any person who is a resident of this state and the owner or subsequent transferee of a motor vehicle which has a model year of 1945 or earlier and which has not been altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications may upon application register the same as an antique vehicle upon payment of a fee of \$5, and be furnished a registration plates plate of a distinctive design, in lieu of the usual registration plates plate, which shall show in addition to the registration number that the vehicle is an antique. The registration shall be valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any additional fee. The vehicle shall only be used for special occasions such as display and parade purposes or for necessary testing, maintenance and storage purposes.

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A motorcycle may be registered as an antique vehicle if all of the requirements for registration specified in this subsection are satisfied.

Section 62. 341.265 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.265 (1m) A person who registers an antique motor vehicle under sub. (1) may furnish and display on the vehicle a historical plate from or representing the model year of the vehicle if the registration and plates plate issued by the department are simultaneously carried in or, with respect to an antique motorcycle, with the vehicle and are available for inspection.

Section 63. 341.266 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (2) (a) Any person who is the owner of a special interest vehicle that is a former military vehicle, or that is not a former military vehicle and is 20 or more years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the vehicle, and who, unless the owner is an historical society that is exempt from federal income taxes, owns, has registered in this state, and uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration plates plate may upon application register the vehicle as a special interest vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b). A former military vehicle may be registered under this paragraph notwithstanding s. 341.10 (6).

Section 64. 341.266 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with <u>a</u> registration <u>plates</u> plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration <u>plates</u> plate, and those plates that plate shall show that the vehicle is a special interest vehicle owned by a Wisconsin collector. Upon application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any additional fee.

Section 65. 341.266 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (2) (d) Each collector applying for <u>a</u> special interest vehicle registration plates <u>plate</u> will be issued a collector's identification number which will appear on each <u>the</u> plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the same collector will bear the same collector's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification.

Section 66. 341.266 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no special interest vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration plates plate issued under par. (c) with a regular registration plates plate or transfers a regular registration plates plate to the vehicle.

Section 67. 341.266 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.266 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original collector's special interest vehicle registration plates plate and to ensure that each collector will be issued only one collector's identification number.

SECTION 68. 341,268 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) Any person who is the owner of a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle and who owns, has registered in this state and uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has <u>a</u> regular registration plates <u>plate</u> may upon application register the vehicle as a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b), provided that the vehicle is one of the following:

Section 69. 341.268 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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341.268 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a registration plates plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration plates plate, and those plates that plate shall show that the vehicle is a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle owned by a Wisconsin hobbyist. Upon application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any

SECTION 70. 341.268 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (2) (d) Each hobbyist applying for <u>a</u> reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registration <u>plates plate</u> will be issued a hobbyist's identification number which will appear on <u>each the</u> plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the same hobbyist will bear the same hobbyist's identification number followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification.

SECTION 71. 341.268 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state during the month of January unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration plates plate issued under par. (c) with a regular registration plates plate or transfers a regular registration plates plate to the vehicle.

Section 72. 341.268 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.268 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original hobbyist's reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registration plates plate and to ensure that each hobbyist will be issued only one hobbyist's identification number.

Section 73. 341.269 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.269 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle registered under this section with a registration plates plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration plates plate, and those plates this plate shall show that the vehicle is registered as a historic military vehicle. The department shall specify the design for the registration plates plate furnished under this paragraph after consulting with a group or organization chartered in this state that is interested in historic military vehicles.

Section 74. 341.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.27 (3) (a) If the applicant holds <u>a</u> current registration <u>plates that were plate</u> that was removed from an automobile that the applicant no longer owns or that has been junked, is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the <u>plates were plate was</u> issued under the system of registration prescribed by this section, the department shall register the automobile which is the subject of the application for the remainder of the unexpired registration period.

Section 75. 341.27 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.27 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold <u>a</u> current registration <u>plates plate</u> under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original rather than renewal application, the department may register the automobile which is the subject of the application for such period or part thereof as the secretary determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the department.

Section 76. 341.28 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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341.28 (2) (intro.) If the applicant for registration holds a current registration plates which were plate that was removed from an automobile which the applicant no longer owns or which has been junked, is no longer being used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the plates were plate was issued under the system of registration prescribed by s. 341.27, the applicant is exempt from the payment of a registration fee, except in the following cases:

Section 77. 341.28 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 (2) (a) If the annual fee prescribed for the automobile being registered is higher than the annual fee prescribed for the automobile from which the plates were plate was removed, the applicant shall pay a fee computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the difference between the 2 annual fees multiplied by the number of months for which the automobile which is the subject of the application is being registered. The start of the new registration, for the purpose of computing the fee, shall be determined in accordance with sub. (7).

SECTION 78. 341.28 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 (2) (b) If the automobile which is the subject of the application was owned by the applicant at any time during the month in which the transfer, termination of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) of the other automobile occurred and was not currently registered at the time of such transfer, termination of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a), the applicant shall pay a fee to be computed as provided in subs. (3) to (5) but shall receive a credit for the unused portion of the

current registration. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual fee paid for the vehicle from which the plates were plate was removed multiplied by the number of months remaining in the registration period represented by the removed plates plate, including the month during which the applicant transferred, discontinued to use on the highways, junked or registered under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) or terminated the consumer lease of the automobile from which the plates were plate was removed.

Section 79. 341.28 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 (3) If the applicant does not hold <u>a</u> current registration <u>plates plate</u> under the circumstances described in sub. (2) and the automobile which is the subject of the application has not previously been registered in this state by the applicant, the fee payable by the applicant shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual fee multiplied by the number of months for which the automobile is being registered, the start of such registration period to be determined in accordance with sub. (7).

Section 80. 341.28 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.28 (4) (intro.) If the applicant does not hold <u>a</u> current registration plates plate under the circumstances described in sub. (2) but the automobile which is the subject of the application has previously been registered in this state by the applicant, the applicant shall pay a fee covering all the time since the end of the period for which the automobile previously was registered unless:

Section 81. 341.29 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.29 (2) If an application for registration of a vehicle subject to registration on an annual or biennial basis is received less than 2 months prior to the beginning of any registration period and the vehicle is not registered in this state at the time

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of application and the applicant desires to register for the succeeding registration period as well as for the remainder of the current period, the department upon registering the vehicle shall issue <u>a</u> registration plates <u>plate</u> designed for the succeeding registration period rather than for the current period. Such plates also serve <u>The plate also serves</u> during the remainder of the current registration period

as lawful evidence of the registration of the vehicle. This subsection does not affect

7 computation of fee payable by the applicant.

SECTION 82. 341.295 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.295 (3) (a) If the applicant holds <u>a</u> registration plates which were <u>plate that</u> was removed from a vehicle under s. 341.31 (4) (c), 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or (2) (c), and the <u>plates were plate was</u> issued under the monthly series system, the department shall register a replacement vehicle of the same type and gross weight which is the subject of the application for the remainder of the unexpired registration period.

Section 83. 341.295 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.295 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration plates plate under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original rather than renewal application, the department may register the vehicle which is the subject of the application for such period or part of a period as the secretary determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the department.

Section 84. 341.31 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

341.31 (1) (b) 5. The vehicle is a motorcycle which has been transferred or leased to the applicant and for which <u>a</u> current registration <u>plates plate</u> had been issued to the previous owner; or

Section 85. 341.31 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.31 (4) (b) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a vehicle under s. 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or (2) (c) and which was junked or transferred, is no longer leased to the person or used on the highways or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a) may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement vehicle of the same type and gross weight.

Section 86. 341.31 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.31 (4) (c) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a motorcycle may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement motorcycle.

Section 87. 341.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.32 (1) Whenever the construction or the use of a registered vehicle is changed in a manner making the vehicle subject to a different registration fee than the fee for which the vehicle currently is registered, the owner shall immediately make application for reregistration. The fee payable upon such reregistration shall be computed as for a vehicle not previously registered in this state but a credit shall be allowed for the unused portion of the fee paid for the previous registration if the registration plates plate issued upon the previous registration are is returned to the department. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one–twelfth of the annual registration fee or one twenty–fourth of the biennial registration fee prescribed for the vehicle as previously registered multiplied by the number of months of registration which have not fully expired on the date the vehicle became subject to

the different fee. The credit may be applied toward the reregistration of the vehicle only up to the date when the previous registration would have expired.

SECTION 88. 341.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.33 (2) The department shall refund the unused portion of a registration fee paid for the registration of a vehicle owned by a person who is entering active service in the naval or military forces of the United States if the person makes application for such refund upon a form prescribed by the department, furnishes such proof as the department may require that the vehicle will not be operated in this or another state during the remainder of the period for which the vehicle is registered, and returns to the department the certificate of registration and registration plates plate. The refund shall be computed on the basis of one–twelfth of the annual registration fee or one twenty–fourth of the biennial registration fee paid for the vehicle, multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the period for which the vehicle is registered when the vehicle ceases to be operated.

Section 89. 341.33 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.33 (3) Upon request, the department shall refund 50% 50 percent of a registration fee paid for a vehicle registered on a biennial basis if the person who registered the vehicle furnishes such proof as the department requires that the person has transferred his or her interest in the vehicle or terminated leasing the vehicle before the beginning of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is registered or that the vehicle will not be operated in this state after the beginning of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is registered. The department may require the person to return the certificate of registration and registration plates plate for the vehicle to the department. Except as provided in sub. (1), the

department may not refund more than 50% 50 percent of the fee paid for the registration of a vehicle registered on a biennial basis.

Section 90. 341.335 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.335 (1) Whenever any person, after applying for and receiving a registration plates plate, moves from the address named in the application for the registration plates plate or when the name of the licensee is changed by marriage or otherwise, the person shall within 10 days notify the department in writing of the old and new address or of such former and new names and of all registration plate numbers held.

Section 91. 341.41 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.41 (8) (a) Residents of the state operating a fleet of 3 or more units consisting of trucks, truck tractors or road tractors with a gross weight of not less than 12,000 pounds shall display a Wisconsin registration plates plate for which 100% 100 percent of the fee has been paid on vehicles not exempt from Wisconsin registration and operated in intrastate commerce. Vehicles engaged in interstate commerce may display Wisconsin prorate registration plates for which a proportional registration fee has been paid in addition to a full fee registration plate from another jurisdiction. Such proportional registration shall be accomplished either by payment to the department of registration fees in an amount equal to that obtained by applying the proportion of in-state fleet miles divided by the total fleet miles to the total fees which would otherwise be required for the registration of all such vehicles in this state, or by registration of a portion of such vehicles as determined under this subsection. The department may refuse to permit any or all of such vehicles to be registered under apportionment if the department is not

satisfied that this state will obtain a fair and equitable share of license registrations of the vehicles comprising such fleet.

Section 92. 341.51 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.51 (2) Upon registering a dealer, distributor, manufacturer or transporter, the department also shall issue 2 registration plates sufficient to operate 2 or more vehicles as authorized in ch. 218. The department, upon receiving a fee of \$5 for each additional plate desired by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer of motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers, \$5 for each additional plate desired by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer of recreational vehicles and \$5 for each additional plate desired by a transporter, shall issue to the registered dealer, distributor, manufacturer or transporter the additional plates as ordered. The department may charge a fee of \$2 per plate for replacing lost, damaged or illegible plates issued under this subsection.

Section 93. 341.625 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.625 (1) Any person who fraudulently procures or uses <u>a</u> special registration <u>plates plate</u> issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) shall forfeit not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

Section 94. 341.63 (3) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

341.63 (3) (a) Whenever the registration of a vehicle is suspended under this section or ch. 344, the department may order the owner or person in possession of the registration plates plate to return them it to the department. Any person who fails to return the plates plate when ordered to do so by the department may be required to forfeit not more than \$200.

SECTION 95. 341.63 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

341.63 (3) (b) (intro.) In addition to or in lieu of ordering the return of <u>a</u> registration <u>plates plate</u> under par. (a), the department may seize and destroy the registration <u>plates plate</u> of any motor vehicle for which all of the following apply:

Section 96. 341.65 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.65 (1) (b) "Unregistered motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is located upon a highway and that is not displaying <u>a</u> valid registration <u>plates plate</u>, a temporary operation plate, or other evidence of registration as provided under s. 341.18 (1) for the vehicle's current registration period or for a registration period for the vehicle that expired within the immediately preceding 31 days.

Section 97. 342.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.05 **(5)** Unless otherwise authorized by rule of the department, a nonresident owner of a vehicle that is not subject to registration in this state may not apply for a certificate of title under this chapter unless the vehicle is subject to a security interest or except as provided in s. 342.16 (1) (a). Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a nonresident may purchase <u>a</u> temporary operation plates <u>plate</u> under s. 341.09 (4). Any temporary operation permit or plate issued under s. 341.09 shall not be considered registration of the vehicle for purposes of this subsection.

Section 98. 342.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.15 (4) (a) If the vehicle being transferred is a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the

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owner shall remove the registration plates plate and retain and preserve them the plate for use on any other vehicle of the same type and gross weight which may subsequently be registered in his or her name.

Section 99. 342.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.15 (4) (b) If the vehicle being transferred is a vehicle registered under s. 341.26 at a special fee and the new owner will not be entitled to register the vehicle at such fee, the transferor shall remove and destroy the plates plate.

Section 100. 342.15 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.15 (4) (c) In all other cases the transferor shall permit the plates plate to remain attached to the vehicle being transferred, except that if the vehicle has been junked the transferor shall remove and destroy the plates plate.

Section 101. 342.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.34 (1) (c) If the vehicle is a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the owner shall remove the registration plates plate and retain and preserve them the plate for use on any other vehicle of the same type which may subsequently be registered in his or her name. If the vehicle is not a motorcycle or an automobile registered under s. 341.27. or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, he or she shall remove and destroy the plates plate.

Section 102. 342.34 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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342.34 (2) (c) Remove and either retain or destroy the registration plates plate for the vehicle as provided in sub. (1) (c).

Section 103. 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for a registration plates plate of a special design under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1g) or any other person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk may request from the department a special identification card that will entitle any motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, parked by, or under the direction of, the person, or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, operated by or on behalf of the organization when used to transport such a person, to parking privileges under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) and (3). The department shall issue the card at a fee to be determined by the department, upon submission by the applicant, if the applicant is an individual rather than an organization, of a statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal that the person is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The statement shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician, advanced practice nurse, public health nurse, physician assistant, podiatrist, chiropractor or practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The department shall issue the card upon application by an organization on a form prescribed by the department if the

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department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this subsection.

SECTION 104. 344.45 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

344.45 (1) Whenever a person's operating privilege or registration is suspended under this chapter, the department may order the person to surrender to the department his or her operator's license and the registration plates plate of the any vehicle or vehicles for which registration was suspended. If the person fails immediately to return the operator's license or registration plates plate to the department, the department may direct a traffic officer to take possession thereof and return them to the department.

Section 105. 344.55 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

344.55 (2) The department may not issue <u>a</u> registration plates <u>plate</u> for such a vehicle unless there is on file with the department a certificate of insurance showing that the vehicle is insured in compliance with sub. (1). No such policy may be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason unless a notice thereof is filed with the department at least 30 days prior to the date of termination or cancellation. The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle on which the insurance policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of termination or cancellation.

Section 106. 346.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a special registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1) to a disabled veteran or on his or her behalf is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased, or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both owned and

leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required. Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the disabled veteran to whom or on whose behalf the special plates were plate was issued and to qualified operators acting under the disabled veteran's express direction with the disabled veteran present.

SECTION 107. 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

special registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased, or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required. Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

SECTION 108. 346.50 (2a) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2a) (a) A person to whom plates were a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1a).

SECTION 109. 346.50 (2a) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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346.50 **(2a)** (b) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a person to whom plates were a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1a) when such person is present.

SECTION 110. 346.50 (2a) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2a) (c) A person to whom plates were a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1m) when the disabled person for whom the plates were plate was issued is present.

SECTION 111. 346.50 (2a) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2a) (d) A person for whom plates were a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1q).

SECTION 112. 346.50 (2a) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 **(2a)** (e) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a person for whom plates were a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1q) when such person is present.

SECTION 113. 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (3) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing <u>a</u> special registration plates <u>plate</u> issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official traffic signs indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a) (a) to (m).

SECTION 114. 346.503 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.503 (1) In this section, "motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person" means a motor vehicle bearing <u>a</u> special registration <u>plates plate</u> issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

Section 115. 346.505 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.505 (2) (a) Except for a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined under s. 346.503 (1), no person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

Section 116. 346.505 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.505 (2) (b) No person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility so as to obstruct, block or otherwise limit the use of any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying <u>a</u> special registration <u>plates plate</u> issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a special identification card

issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

SECTION 117. 346.505 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.505 (2) (c) Notwithstanding par. (b), no person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility that is clearly marked as and intended to be an access aisle to provide entry to and exit from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities and which is immediately adjacent to any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability.

Section 118. 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

349.13 (1m) In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for any vehicle bearing <u>a</u> special registration <u>plates plate</u> issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special

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Section 119. 885.237 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

885.237 (2) Notwithstanding s. 341.04, the fact that an automobile or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less is located on a highway, as defined in s. 340.01 (22), and is not displaying a valid registration plates plate, a temporary operation plate or other evidence of registration as provided under s. 341.18 (1) is prima facie evidence, for purposes of ch. 341, that the vehicle is an unregistered or improperly registered vehicle. This subsection does not apply to violations of ordinances enacted under s. 341.65, but this subsection does apply to violations of ordinances enacted under s. 341.65, 2003 stats.

Section 120. Fiscal changes.

(1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2011, the dollar amount is decreased by \$878,200 for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to decrease funding for the issuance of registration plates by the department of transportation.

Section 121. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to registration plates issued by the department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 122. Effective date.

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1 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2012, or on the day after publication, 2 whichever is later.

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