



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 405

May 5, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives OWENS, VUKMIR, BALLWEG, HAHN, JENSEN, MUSSER, PETTIS, F. LASEE, BIES, FREESE, HUNDERTMARK, MCCORMICK, ALBERS, HINES, J. FITZGERALD, NERISON, MOLEPSKE and LAMB, cosponsored by Senators LEIBHAM, A. LASEE, ROESSLER and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and *to create* 341.14 (6r) (f) 49d., 341.14
2 (6r) (f) 49h. and 341.14 (6r) (f) 49s. of the statutes; **relating to:** special
3 distinguishing registration plates for groups that are military in nature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation 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 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. Current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

This bill 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 authorized special groups that are military in nature for veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Noble Eagle. 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.

