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2013 SENATE BILL 204

June 3, 2013 - Introduced by Senator HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives BARNES, BERCEAU, WEATHERSTON and CRAIG. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

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

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1 (e) 3., 341.268 (3), 341.269 (2) (c), 341.27 (3) (a), 341.27 (3) (b), 341.28 (2) (intro.),
2 341.28 (2) (a), 341.28 (2) (b), 341.28 (3), 341.28 (4) (intro.), 341.29 (2), 341.295
3 (3) (a), 341.295 (3) (b), 341.31 (1) (b) 5., 341.31 (4) (b), 341.31 (4) (c), 341.32 (1),
4 341.33 (2), 341.33 (3), 341.335 (1), 341.51 (2), 341.625 (1), 341.63 (3) (a), 341.63
5 (3) (b) (intro.), 341.65 (1) (b), 342.05 (5), 342.15 (4) (a), 342.15 (4) (b), 342.15 (4)
6 (c), 342.34 (1) (c), 342.34 (2) (c), 343.51 (1), 344.45 (1), 344.55 (2), 346.50 (2),
7 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (2a) (a), 346.50 (2a) (b), 346.50 (2a) (c), 346.50 (2a)
8 (d), 346.50 (2a) (e), 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1), 346.505 (2) (a), 346.505 (2) (b),
9 346.505 (2) (c), 349.13 (1m) and 885.237 (2); and *to create* 341.15 (1g) of the
10 statutes; **relating to:** a single registration plate for motor vehicles registered
11 with the Department of Transportation.

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.

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:

12 **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (7) (f) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 27.01 (7) (f) 1. Except as provided in par. (gm), the fee for an annual vehicle
14 admission receipt is \$24.50 for each vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration plates
15 plate, except that no fee is charged for a receipt issued under s. 29.235 (6).

16 **SECTION 2.** 27.01 (7) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 27.01 (7) (f) 2. Except as provided in subds. 3. and 4. and par. (gm) 4., the fee
2 for a daily vehicle admission receipt is \$6.85 for any vehicle which has a Wisconsin
3 registration ~~plates~~ plate.

4 **SECTION 3.** 27.01 (7) (f) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 27.01 (7) (f) 3. Subject to par. (gm) 5., the fee for a daily vehicle admission
6 receipt for a motor bus that has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate is \$9.85.

7 **SECTION 4.** 27.01 (7) (f) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 27.01 (7) (f) 4. Notwithstanding subd. 3. and subject to par. (gm) 5., the fee for
9 a daily vehicle admission receipt for a motor bus which primarily transports
10 residents from nursing homes located in this state is \$3.35, for any motor bus which
11 has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate.

12 **SECTION 5.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 27.01 (7) (gm) 3. Notwithstanding par. (f) 1., the fee for an annual vehicle
14 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate and that
15 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is \$9.50.

16 **SECTION 6.** 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 27.01 (7) (gm) 4. Notwithstanding par. (f) 2., the fee for a daily vehicle
18 admission receipt for a vehicle that has a Wisconsin registration ~~plates~~ plate and that
19 is owned by a resident senior citizen, as defined in s. 29.001 (72), is \$2.85.

20 **SECTION 7.** 100.51 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 100.51 (5) (b) 1. The motor vehicle displays a special registration ~~plates~~ plate
22 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), or (1q) or a special identification card issued
23 under s. 343.51 or is a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displays
24 a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction that designates
25 that the vehicle is used by a physically disabled person.

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1 **SECTION 8.** 121.53 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 121.53 (4) Every school board shall require that there be filed with it and with
3 the department of transportation a certificate of insurance showing that an
4 insurance policy has been procured and is in effect which covers the owner and
5 operator of the school bus and the school board or shall procure an insurance policy
6 and file such certificate with the department of transportation. Unless such
7 certificate is on file with the department of transportation, no registration ~~plates~~
8 plate for a school bus may be issued by the department of transportation. No such
9 policy may be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason, unless
10 a notice thereof is filed with the department of transportation and with the school
11 board by the insurer at least 10 days prior to the date of termination or cancellation.
12 The department of transportation shall revoke the registration of a school bus on
13 which the policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of termination
14 or cancellation.

15 **SECTION 9.** 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 167.31 (4) (cg) 5. The vehicle bears a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued
17 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), or (1m) or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches
18 square on which is conspicuously written "disabled hunter".

19 **SECTION 10.** 341.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.09 (1) (a) The department shall issue a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate
21 as provided under subs. (2), (2m) and (9) and may issue a temporary operation permit
22 or plate for an unregistered vehicle as otherwise provided under this section. Except
23 as provided in par. (b), the permits or ~~plates~~ plate shall contain the date of expiration
24 and sufficient information to identify the vehicle for which and the person to whom
25 it is issued. The department may place the information identifying the vehicle and

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1 the person to whom the permit or plate is issued on a separate form. Except as
2 provided in subs. (3) to (5), a temporary operation plate issued under this section is
3 valid for a period of 90 days or until the applicant receives the regular registration
4 ~~plates~~ plate, whichever occurs first.

5 **SECTION 11.** 341.09 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 341.09 (1) (b) The department shall specify by rule the size, color, design, form
7 and specifications of temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an
8 ~~automobile or motor truck~~ automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight
9 of 8,000 pounds or less, and the system to be used to identify the date of issuance of
10 such plates. All temporary operation plates issued under sub. (2m) or (9) for an
11 ~~automobile or motor truck~~ automobiles or motor trucks having a registered weight
12 of 8,000 pounds or less shall contain ~~a~~ registration number numbers composed of
13 letters or numbers.

14 **SECTION 12.** 341.09 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.09 (2) (a) Upon request therefor by a person who has made a verifiable
16 application for registration and paid the registration fee, the department shall issue
17 a temporary operation permit or plate if it appears that the person would otherwise
18 be unable to lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the registration ~~plates~~
19 plate.

20 **SECTION 13.** 341.09 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.09 (2) (d) The department may issue a temporary operation ~~plates~~ plate
22 for use on any vehicle except buses, for-hire vehicles and vehicles which are subject
23 to registration under the international registration plan if the state is a party to such
24 plan. The department shall determine the size, color, design, form and specifications

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1 of the plate. The department shall charge a fee of \$3 for each temporary operation
2 plate issued under this subsection.

3 **SECTION 14.** 341.09 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.09 (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department
5 shall issue a temporary operation plate or a temporary permit without charge for an
6 automobile or motor truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less upon
7 receipt of a complete application accompanied by the required fee for registration of
8 the vehicle, including evidence of any inspection under s. 110.20 when required, if
9 the department does not immediately issue the regular registration ~~plates~~ plate for
10 the vehicle and the department determines that the applicant has not otherwise
11 been issued a temporary operation plate or a temporary permit under this section.

12 **SECTION 15.** 341.11 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.11 (4) In the case of a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight for
14 which a special registration ~~plates have~~ plate has been issued under s. 341.14 (2), (6),
15 (6m) or (6r) or for which a personalized registration ~~plates have~~ plate has been issued
16 under s. 341.145, or any motor bus, motor home, dual purpose motor home, motor
17 truck, truck tractor or road tractor, the certificate of registration shall be displayed
18 in a prominent place in the driver's compartment of the vehicle to which the
19 certificate refers. Any person who operates and any person in whose name the
20 vehicle is registered who consents to the operation of any such vehicle without the
21 certificate of registration being so displayed may be required to forfeit not more than
22 \$200.

23 **SECTION 16.** 341.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.12 (1) The department upon registering a vehicle pursuant to s. 341.25 or
25 341.30 shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant ~~2 registration plates for an~~

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1 ~~automobile, motor truck, motor bus, school bus, motor home, or dual purpose motor~~
2 ~~home and one plate for other vehicles. The department upon registering a vehicle~~
3 ~~pursuant to any other section shall issue one plate unless the department~~
4 ~~determines that 2 plates will better serve the interests of law enforcement one~~
5 ~~registration plate.~~

6 **SECTION 17.** 341.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.12 (2) The department shall purchase plates from the Waupun
8 Correctional Institution unless otherwise approved by the governor. Subject to any
9 specific requirements which may be imposed by statute, the department shall
10 determine the size, color and design of any registration plates plate with a view
11 toward making ~~them~~ the plate visible evidence of the period for which the vehicle is
12 registered and the fee class into which the vehicle falls as well as making ~~them~~ the
13 plate a ready means of identifying the specific vehicle or owner for which the plates
14 were plate was issued.

15 **SECTION 18.** 341.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 341.13 (2) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration
17 plates plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight except a dual purpose
18 motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual purpose farm truck
19 registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (6m), or (6r) or 341.145 (1) (a), (b),
20 (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under s. 341.14
21 (6) shall indicate the weight class into which the vehicle falls in a manner prescribed
22 by the department. The gross weight which determines the registration fee for a dual
23 purpose motor home or a motor home, motor truck, farm truck, or dual purpose farm
24 truck registered under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (6m), or (6r) or 341.145 (1)

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1 (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) or a motor truck or dual purpose farm truck registered under
2 s. 341.14 (6) shall be shown on its certificate of registration.

3 **SECTION 19.** 341.13 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.13 (2r) In addition to the matter specified in s. 341.12 (3), the registration
5 plates plate for a vehicle registered under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32. shall display the words
6 “combat-wounded veteran.” The department shall specify one combination of colors
7 and design for a plate issued under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 32., except that the department
8 may not specify the colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in
9 writing by the department of veterans affairs.

10 **SECTION 20.** 341.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.14 (1) If any resident of this state who is registering or has registered an
12 automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck
13 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a
14 gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home submits a statement
15 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from the U.S. department of
16 veterans affairs certifying to the department that the resident is, by reason of
17 injuries sustained while in the active U.S. military service, a person with a disability
18 that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and
19 deliver to the veteran, ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate
20 which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate.
21 The ~~plates~~ plate shall be colored red, white, and blue and the department shall
22 consult the department of veterans affairs before specifying the design of the ~~plates~~
23 plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise law enforcement
24 officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran and is entitled to

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1 the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2). No charge in addition to the
2 registration fee shall be made for the issuance or renewal of such ~~plates~~ the plate.

3 **SECTION 21.** 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.14 (1a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an
5 automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck
6 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a
7 gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, submits a statement
8 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to
9 practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice
10 nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in
11 any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state,
12 from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to
13 practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing
14 in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying to the department
15 that the resident is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to
16 walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled person ~~plates~~
17 a plate of a special design in lieu of ~~plates~~ the plate which ordinarily would be issued
18 for the vehicle, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed
19 as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by
20 a nonveteran disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s.
21 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the
22 issuance or renewal of such ~~plates~~ the plate.

23 **SECTION 22.** 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.14 (1m) If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once
25 every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice

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1 medicine in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in
2 any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state,
3 from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a
4 podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice
5 chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this
6 state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying that another person who
7 is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for transportation is a person with a
8 disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department shall issue and
9 deliver to the licensed driver ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design in lieu of the ~~plates~~
10 plate which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or motor truck, dual
11 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross weight of not more
12 than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds
13 or motor home, and shall renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed
14 as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated
15 by a licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly dependent and is entitled
16 to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the
17 registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the ~~plates~~ plate. The
18 ~~plates~~ plate shall conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub. (1a).

19 **SECTION 23.** 341.14 (1q) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.14 (1q) If any employer who provides an automobile, or a motor truck, dual
21 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more
22 than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000
23 pounds or a motor home, for an employee's use submits to the department a
24 statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician
25 licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed

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1 to practice nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to
2 practice in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in
3 any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor
4 licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner
5 residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying that the
6 employee is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the
7 department shall issue and deliver to such employer ~~plates~~ a plate of a special design
8 in lieu of the ~~plates~~ plate which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle, and shall
9 renew the ~~plates~~ plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall be so designed as to readily apprise
10 law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a disabled person
11 and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in
12 addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the ~~plates~~
13 plate. The ~~plates~~ plate shall conform to the ~~plates~~ plate required in sub. (1a).

14 **SECTION 24.** 341.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

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1 assigned by the federal communications commission. The fee for reissuance of a
2 plate under this subsection shall be \$15.

3 **SECTION 25.** 341.14 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.14 (2m) Upon compliance with laws relating to registration of motor
5 vehicles, including payment of the prescribed fee, and an additional fee of \$15 when
6 the original or new registration ~~plates are~~ plate is issued and accompanied by an
7 application showing satisfactory proof that the applicant has a collector's
8 identification number as provided in s. 341.266 (2) (d), the department shall issue a
9 registration ~~plates~~ plate on which, in lieu of the usual registration number, shall be
10 inscribed the collector's identification number issued under s. 341.266 (2) (d). The
11 words "VEHICLE COLLECTOR" shall be inscribed across the lower or upper portion
12 of the plate at the discretion of the department. Additional registrations under this
13 subsection by the same collector shall bear the same collector's identification number
14 followed by a suffix letter for vehicle identification. Registration plates issued under
15 this subsection shall expire annually.

16 **SECTION 26.** 341.14 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.14 (5) Upon application by any person awarded the congressional medal
18 of honor and submission of proper proof thereof, the department shall issue a special
19 ~~plates~~ plate so designed as to indicate such award. No charge whatever shall be made
20 for the issuance of such ~~plates~~ the plate.

21 **SECTION 27.** 341.14 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.14 (6) (c) A person who maintains no more than one registration under this
23 subsection at one time shall not be charged a fee for registration of the vehicle or
24 issuance of the ~~plates~~ plate.

25 **SECTION 28.** 341.14 (6) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.14 (6) (d) For each additional vehicle, a person who maintains more than
2 one registration under this subsection at one time shall be charged a fee of \$15 for
3 issuance or reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate in addition to the annual registration fee
4 for the vehicle. Except as provided in par. (c), a motor truck or dual purpose farm
5 truck registered under this subsection shall be registered under this paragraph.

6 **SECTION 29.** 341.14 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.14 (6m) (a) Upon application to register an automobile or a motor home,
8 or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home, or dual purpose farm truck which has
9 a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a farm truck which has a gross
10 weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person who is a resident of this state
11 and a member or retired member of the national guard, the department shall issue
12 to the person a special plates plate whose colors and design shall be determined by
13 the department and which ~~have~~ has the words "Wisconsin guard member" placed on
14 the ~~plates~~ plate in the manner designated by the department. The department shall
15 consult with or obtain the approval of the adjutant general with respect to any word
16 or symbol used to identify the national guard. An additional fee of \$15 shall be
17 charged for the issuance or reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate. Registration plates issued
18 under this subsection shall expire annually.

19 **SECTION 30.** 341.14 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.14 (6m) (b) Except as provided in par. (c), if an individual in possession of
21 a special plates plate under this subsection or of a personalized plates plate under
22 s. 341.145 (1) (b) does not maintain membership in the national guard during a year
23 which is not a plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~
24 plate in a manner prescribed by the department.

25 **SECTION 31.** 341.14 (6m) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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

8 **SECTION 32.** 341.14 (6m) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.14 (6m) (d) 2. Upon receiving any application for renewal of registration
10 of a vehicle for which a special plates have plate has been issued under this
11 subsection, if the applicant identifies himself or herself in the application as a
12 member or former member of a Wisconsin national guard unit identified by the
13 department of military affairs under subd. 5. and if the department has not
14 previously provided a decal under subd. 1. or 3., the department shall provide a decal
15 described in subd. 1. to the applicant, with instructions for placement of the decal on
16 ~~one of the special plates~~ plate.

17 **SECTION 33.** 341.14 (6m) (d) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.14 (6m) (d) 3. Notwithstanding subd. 2., upon receiving any application for
19 renewal of registration of a vehicle for which a special plates have plate has been
20 issued under this subsection, if the applicant identifies himself or herself in the
21 application as a member or former member of a Wisconsin national guard unit
22 identified by the department of military affairs under subd. 5. and if the department
23 is required under s. 341.135 to issue a new registration plates plate for the vehicle,
24 the department shall provide to the applicant, to be affixed to ~~one of these plates~~ the

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1 plate, a decal described in subd. 1. and instructions for placement of the decal on the
2 plate.

3 **SECTION 34.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 1. Subject to subd. 1m., upon application to register an
5 automobile or motor home, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual
6 purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, or a
7 farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, by any person
8 who is a resident of this state and a member of an authorized special group, the
9 department shall issue to the person a special plates plate whose colors and design
10 shall indicate that the vehicle is owned by a person who is a member of the applicable
11 special group. The department may not issue any special group plates under par. (f)
12 55., 60., or 61r. until 6 months after the department has received information
13 sufficient for the department to determine that any approvals required for use of any
14 logo, trademark, trade name or other commercial symbol designating the
15 professional football team or professional baseball team or associated with
16 Harley-Davidson, Inc., have been obtained. Subject to sub. (9) (d), the department
17 may not issue any special group plates under par. (f) 61m. until the department has
18 received information sufficient for the department to determine that any license or
19 other approval required for use of any logo, trademark or service mark, trade name
20 or other commercial symbol to be used on or in association with these plates has been
21 obtained. Notwithstanding s. 341.12 (2), if the department of corrections does not
22 have flat-plate technology available for use in manufacturing license plates at
23 quality and cost comparable to that available from the state of Minnesota, the
24 department of transportation may not issue any special group plates under par. (f)
25 59. unless the department of transportation purchases the plates from the state of

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1 Minnesota. Sections 16.70, 16.71, 16.72, 16.75, 16.752 to 16.755, 16.765, 16.77, and
2 16.82 do not apply to purchases of plates issued under par. (f) 59. from the state of
3 Minnesota.

4 **SECTION 35.** 341.14 (6r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.14 **(6r)** (b) 2. An additional fee of \$15 shall be charged for the issuance or
6 reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate for special groups specified under par. (f), except that
7 no additional fee may be charged under this subdivision for the issuance or
8 reissuance of the ~~plates~~ plate for special groups specified under par. (f) 1. to 32., 49.
9 to 49s., 51., or 56.

10 **SECTION 36.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.14 **(6r)** (g) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2. and sub. (8) (a), if an individual
12 in possession of a special ~~plates~~ plate under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m. or of
13 a personalized ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and design as
14 a special ~~plates~~ plate under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m. does not maintain
15 membership in the applicable authorized special group during a year that is not a
16 plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special ~~plates~~ plate in a
17 manner prescribed by the department. This paragraph does not apply to ~~plates~~ a
18 plate issued to the surviving spouse of a fire fighter who died in the line of duty.

19 2. If an individual in possession of a special ~~plates~~ plate under par. (f) 33., 33m.,
20 34., 48., or 48m. or of a personalized ~~plates~~ plate under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same
21 color and design as a special ~~plates~~ plate under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34., 48., or 48m.
22 suffers an injury in the course of his or her job duties as a fire fighter, rescue squad
23 member, or emergency medical technician and the injury prevents the individual
24 from subsequently performing such job duties, the individual may retain ~~these~~ this
25 special ~~plates~~ plate.

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1 **SECTION 37.** 341.14 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.14 (7) The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for
3 a registration plates plate under sub. (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1q) relating to the
4 parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request
5 enforcement of s. 346.505.

6 **SECTION 38.** 341.142 of the statutes is amended to read:

7 **341.142 Veterans honorary medal decals.** If any person who is registering
8 or has registered a vehicle specified in s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 1. submits a statement from
9 the U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying to the department that the person
10 has been awarded a medal authorized under an act of congress relating to that
11 person's service in the U.S. armed forces, as defined in s. 40.02 (57m), the department
12 shall, free of charge, procure, issue and deliver to that veteran one decal, similar in
13 appearance to the medal awarded to that veteran, for each motor vehicle registered
14 in the name of that veteran. Notwithstanding s. 341.61 (3), a decal issued under this
15 section shall be displayed in the manner directed by the department on the rear
16 registration plate of the vehicle registered in the name of the veteran to whom the
17 decal was issued. The department shall specify one combination of colors and design
18 for each medal authorized under an act of congress for which a statement has been
19 received by the department under this section, except that the department may not
20 specify the colors or design unless the colors and design are approved in writing by
21 the state department of veterans affairs. Not more than one decal may be issued
22 under this section for each motor vehicle registered in the name of a veteran.

23 **SECTION 39.** 341.145 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.145 (1g) (a) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
2 plate under sub. (1) (b) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
3 341.14 (6m).

4 **SECTION 40.** 341.145 (1g) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.145 (1g) (b) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
6 plate under sub. (1) (c) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
7 341.14 (6r).

8 **SECTION 41.** 341.145 (1g) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.145 (1g) (c) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
10 plate under sub. (1) (d) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
11 341.14 (1).

12 **SECTION 42.** 341.145 (1g) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.145 (1g) (d) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
14 plate under sub. (1) (e) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
15 341.14 (1a), (1m) or (1q).

16 **SECTION 43.** 341.145 (1g) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.145 (1g) (e) The department may issue a personalized registration plates
18 plate under sub. (1) (f) to a person who qualifies for a special plates plate under s.
19 341.14 (6w).

20 **SECTION 44.** 341.145 (1r) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.145 (1r) In lieu of the procedure under s. 341.13 (2), the department may
22 issue a distinguishing tags or decals for tag or decal for a personalized registration
23 plates plate for a vehicle registered on the basis of gross weight.

24 **SECTION 45.** 341.145 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.145 (2) (intro.) The department shall issue a personalized registration
2 plates plate only upon request and if:

3 **SECTION 46.** 341.145 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.145 (3) In addition to the regular application fee provided under s. 341.25
5 (1) (a), (c) or (j) or (2) or 341.26 (3) (a) 2. or (am), the applicant for a personalized
6 registration plate issued on an annual basis shall pay a fee of \$15 for the issuance
7 of the plate and \$15 in each succeeding year to maintain the plate. In addition to the
8 regular application fee provided under s. 341.25 (1) (b) or 341.26 (3) (a) 1., the
9 applicant for a personalized registration plate issued on a biennial basis shall pay
10 a fee of \$30 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued during the first year of the
11 biennial registration period or \$15 for issuance of the plate if the plate is issued
12 during the 2nd year of the biennial registration period. The fee to maintain a
13 personalized plate issued on a biennial basis is \$30. The fee for reissuance of a
14 personalized plate shall be \$15 for an annual registration and \$30 for a biennial
15 registration. An applicant for a personalized ~~plates~~ plate issued under sub. (1) (b)
16 or (c) shall not be required to pay the fee for initial issuance of the ~~plates~~ plate.

17 **SECTION 47.** 341.145 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.145 (7) The department may refuse to issue any combination of letters or
19 numbers, or both, which may carry connotations offensive to good taste or decency,
20 or which would be misleading, or in conflict with the issuance of any other
21 registration ~~plates~~ plate. All decisions of the department with respect to
22 personalized registration plate applications shall be final and not subject to judicial
23 review under ch. 227.

24 **SECTION 48.** 341.145 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.145 (8) The department may cancel and order the return of any
2 personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate issued which ~~contain~~ contains any
3 combination of letters or numbers, or both, which the department determines may
4 carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or which may be misleading.
5 Any person ordered to return ~~such plates~~ a plate under this subsection shall either
6 be reimbursed for any additional fees they paid for the ~~plates~~ plate for the
7 registration year in which they are recalled, or be given at no additional cost a
8 replacement personalized registration ~~plates~~ plate, the issuance of which is in
9 compliance with the statutes. A person who fails to return a personalized
10 registration ~~plates~~ plate upon request of the department may be required to forfeit
11 not more than \$200.

12 **SECTION 49.** 341.15 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.15 (1) (intro.) ~~Whenever 2 registration plates are issued for a vehicle, one~~
14 ~~plate shall be attached to the front and one to the rear of the vehicle. Whenever only~~
15 one registration plate is issued for a vehicle, the plate shall be attached as follows:

16 **SECTION 50.** 341.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 341.15 (1) (b) For any other vehicle ~~for which only one plate is issued~~, to the
18 rear, except that a plate issued to or for a municipality under s. 341.26 (2m) may be
19 attached to the front of the vehicle if the design or use of the vehicle is such as to make
20 a plate attached to the rear difficult to see and read.

21 **SECTION 51.** 341.15 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

22 341.15 (1g) The owner of any vehicle for which 2 registration plates were issued
23 before the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], may remove and
24 destroy one registration plate from the vehicle but is not required to do so until such
25 time as the department issues a new plate upon the renewal of registration of the

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1 vehicle. If a person removes and destroys one plate, the plate removed may not
2 display a registration decal or tag and the remaining plate must comply with the
3 requirements of sub. (1).

4 **SECTION 52.** 341.15 (1m) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 341.15 (1m) and
5 amended to read:

6 341.15 (1m) ~~Except as provided in par. (b), any~~ Any registration decal or tag
7 issued by the department shall be placed on the rear registration plate of the vehicle
8 in the manner directed by the department.

9 **SECTION 53.** 341.15 (1m) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 54.** 341.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.15 (2) ~~Registration plates~~ A registration plate shall be attached firmly and
12 rigidly in a horizontal position and conspicuous place. The plates plate shall at all
13 times be maintained in a legible condition and shall be so displayed that ~~they~~ it can
14 be readily and distinctly seen and read. Any peace officer may require the operator
15 of any vehicle on which plates are a plate is not properly displayed to display such
16 plates the plate as required by this section.

17 **SECTION 55.** 341.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.16 (1) (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the
19 owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the
20 department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon
21 satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of
22 \$2 for each the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

23 **SECTION 56.** 341.16 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.16 (1) (b) Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a special plate
25 issued under s. 341.14 (6m) (a), (6r) (b), or (6w) or a special personalized plate issued

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1 under s. 341.145 (1) (b), (c), or (f) and upon payment of a fee of \$5 for each the plate
2 or, if the plate is for a special group specified under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 35. to 47. or 53.,
3 \$6 for each the plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

4 **SECTION 57.** 341.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.16 (2) Whenever a current registration plate becomes illegible, the owner
6 of the vehicle to which the plate is attached shall apply to the department for a
7 replacement. Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon receipt of satisfactory proof of
8 illegibility, and upon payment of a fee of \$2 for each the plate, the department shall
9 issue a replacement. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy
10 the illegible plate.

11 **SECTION 58.** 341.16 (2e) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.16 (2e) The owner of a vehicle to which a special group plates plate under
13 s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 33. or 48. are is attached may apply to the department for a
14 replacement special group plates plate under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 33m. or 48m.,
15 respectively. Upon receipt of the application and payment of a fee of \$40, the
16 department shall issue the replacement special group plates plate. Upon receipt of
17 a replacement plates plate, the applicant shall destroy the replaced plates plate.

18 **SECTION 59.** 341.16 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.16 (2m) Upon request therefor and payment of a fee of \$10, the department
20 may issue an applicant for a replacement plates plate for an automobile registered
21 pursuant to the registration system under s. 341.27 a registration plates plate of the
22 design specified in s. 341.13 for the plate issuance cycle next succeeding the cycle
23 under which the original plates were plate was issued. The department may limit
24 the receipt of requests under this subsection to applicants for a renewal registration
25 of a motor vehicle.

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1 **SECTION 60.** 341.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.16 (3) When issuing a replacement plate, the department may assign a
3 new number and issue a new plate rather than a duplicate of the original if in its
4 judgment that is in the best interests of economy or prevention of fraud. Upon receipt
5 of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy all ~~plates~~ the plate replaced.

6 **SECTION 61.** 341.16 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 341.16 (4) Any person issued a replacement ~~plates~~ plate who fails to destroy
8 the original ~~plates~~ plate as required by sub. (2), (2e), or (3) may be required to forfeit
9 not more than \$200.

10 **SECTION 62.** 341.265 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.265 (1) Any person who is a resident of this state and the owner or
12 subsequent transferee of a motor vehicle which has a model year of 1945 or earlier
13 and which has not been altered or modified from the original manufacturer's
14 specifications may upon application register the same as an antique vehicle upon
15 payment of a fee of \$5, and be furnished a registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive
16 design, in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~ plate, which shall show in addition to
17 the registration number that the vehicle is an antique. The registration shall be
18 valid while the vehicle is owned by the applicant without the payment of any
19 additional fee. The vehicle shall only be used for special occasions such as display
20 and parade purposes or for necessary testing, maintenance and storage purposes.
21 A motorcycle may be registered as an antique vehicle if all of the requirements for
22 registration specified in this subsection are satisfied.

23 **SECTION 63.** 341.265 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 341.265 (1m) A person who registers an antique motor vehicle under sub. (1)
25 may furnish and display on the vehicle a historical plate from or representing the

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1 model year of the vehicle if the registration and ~~plates~~ plate issued by the department
2 are simultaneously carried in or, with respect to an antique motorcycle, with the
3 vehicle and are available for inspection.

4 **SECTION 64.** 341.266 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.266 (2) (a) Any person who is the owner of a special interest vehicle that
6 is a former military vehicle, or that is not a former military vehicle and is 20 or more
7 years old at the time of making application for registration or transfer of title of the
8 vehicle, and who, unless the owner is an historical society that is exempt from federal
9 income taxes, owns, has registered in this state, and uses for regular transportation
10 at least one vehicle that has a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate may upon application
11 register the vehicle as a special interest vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b).
12 A former military vehicle may be registered under this paragraph notwithstanding
13 s. 341.10 (6).

14 **SECTION 65.** 341.266 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.266 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a
16 registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~
17 plate, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a special interest
18 vehicle owned by a Wisconsin collector. Upon application, the owner may reregister
19 the vehicle without the payment of any additional fee.

20 **SECTION 66.** 341.266 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.266 (2) (d) Each collector applying for a special interest vehicle registration
22 ~~plates~~ plate will be issued a collector's identification number which will appear on
23 each the plate. Second and all subsequent registrations under this section by the
24 same collector will bear the same collector's identification number followed by a
25 suffix letter for vehicle identification.

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1 **SECTION 67.** 341.266 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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

7 **SECTION 68.** 341.266 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.266 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first
9 time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original collector's
10 special interest vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate and to ensure that each collector will
11 be issued only one collector's identification number.

12 **SECTION 69.** 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.268 (2) (a) (intro.) Any person who is the owner of a reconstructed, replica,
14 street modified or homemade vehicle and who owns, has registered in this state and
15 uses for regular transportation at least one vehicle that has a regular registration
16 ~~plates~~ plate may upon application register the vehicle as a reconstructed, replica,
17 street modified or homemade vehicle upon payment of a fee under par. (b), provided
18 that the vehicle is one of the following:

19 **SECTION 70.** 341.268 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.268 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle with a
21 registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the usual registration ~~plates~~
22 plate, and ~~those plates~~ that plate shall show that the vehicle is a reconstructed,
23 replica, street modified or homemade vehicle owned by a Wisconsin hobbyist. Upon
24 application, the owner may reregister the vehicle without the payment of any
25 additional fee.

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1 **SECTION 71.** 341.268 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

7 **SECTION 72.** 341.268 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 341.268 (2) (e) 3. Except as provided in s. 341.09 (7), no reconstructed, replica,
9 street modified or homemade vehicle may be operated upon any highway of this state
10 during the month of January unless the owner of the vehicle reregisters the vehicle
11 under s. 341.25 and replaces the distinctive registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under
12 par. (c) with a regular registration ~~plates~~ plate or transfers a regular registration
13 ~~plates~~ plate to the vehicle.

14 **SECTION 73.** 341.268 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.268 (3) In addition to the fee in sub. (2) (b), there shall be an original (first
16 time only) processing fee of \$50 to defray the cost of issuing the original hobbyist's
17 reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle registration ~~plates~~ plate
18 and to ensure that each hobbyist will be issued only one hobbyist's identification
19 number.

20 **SECTION 74.** 341.269 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.269 (2) (c) The department shall furnish the owner of the vehicle registered
22 under this section with a registration ~~plates~~ plate of a distinctive design in lieu of the
23 usual registration ~~plates~~ plate, and ~~those plates~~ this plate shall show that the vehicle
24 is registered as a historic military vehicle. The department shall specify the design
25 for the registration ~~plates~~ plate furnished under this paragraph after consulting

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1 with a group or organization chartered in this state that is interested in historic
2 military vehicles.

3 **SECTION 75.** 341.27 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.27 (3) (a) If the applicant holds a current registration plates that were plate
5 that was removed from an automobile that the applicant no longer owns or that has
6 been junked, is no longer used on the highways or has been registered as a special
7 interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street modified
8 or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a), and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued
9 under the system of registration prescribed by this section, the department shall
10 register the automobile which is the subject of the application for the remainder of
11 the unexpired registration period.

12 **SECTION 76.** 341.27 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 341.27 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration plates plate
14 under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original
15 rather than renewal application, the department may register the automobile which
16 is the subject of the application for such period or part thereof as the secretary
17 determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the
18 department.

19 **SECTION 77.** 341.28 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 341.28 (2) (intro.) If the applicant for registration holds a current registration
21 plates which were plate that was removed from an automobile which the applicant
22 no longer owns or which has been junked, is no longer being used on the highways
23 or has been registered as a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a
24 reconstructed, replica, street modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a),
25 and the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued under the system of registration prescribed by

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1 s. 341.27, the applicant is exempt from the payment of a registration fee, except in
2 the following cases:

3 **SECTION 78.** 341.28 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.28 (2) (a) If the annual fee prescribed for the automobile being registered
5 is higher than the annual fee prescribed for the automobile from which the plates
6 were ~~plate was~~ removed, the applicant shall pay a fee computed on the basis of
7 one-twelfth of the difference between the 2 annual fees multiplied by the number of
8 months for which the automobile which is the subject of the application is being
9 registered. The start of the new registration, for the purpose of computing the fee,
10 shall be determined in accordance with sub. (7).

11 **SECTION 79.** 341.28 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.28 (2) (b) If the automobile which is the subject of the application was
13 owned by the applicant at any time during the month in which the transfer,
14 termination of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking
15 or registration under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) of the other automobile
16 occurred and was not currently registered at the time of such transfer, termination
17 of the consumer lease, discontinuance of use on the highways, junking or registration
18 under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a), the applicant shall pay a fee to be computed
19 as provided in subs. (3) to (5) but shall receive a credit for the unused portion of the
20 current registration. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the
21 annual fee paid for the vehicle from which the plates were ~~plate was~~ removed
22 multiplied by the number of months remaining in the registration period
23 represented by the removed plates ~~plate~~, including the month during which the
24 applicant transferred, discontinued to use on the highways, junked or registered

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1 under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or 341.268 (2) (a) or terminated the consumer lease of the
2 automobile from which the ~~plates were~~ plate was removed.

3 **SECTION 80.** 341.28 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.28 (3) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~ plate
5 under the circumstances described in sub. (2) and the automobile which is the subject
6 of the application has not previously been registered in this state by the applicant,
7 the fee payable by the applicant shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the
8 annual fee multiplied by the number of months for which the automobile is being
9 registered, the start of such registration period to be determined in accordance with
10 sub. (7).

11 **SECTION 81.** 341.28 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 341.28 (4) (intro.) If the applicant does not hold a current registration ~~plates~~
13 plate under the circumstances described in sub. (2) but the automobile which is the
14 subject of the application has previously been registered in this state by the
15 applicant, the applicant shall pay a fee covering all the time since the end of the
16 period for which the automobile previously was registered unless:

17 **SECTION 82.** 341.29 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.29 (2) If an application for registration of a vehicle subject to registration
19 on an annual or biennial basis is received less than 2 months prior to the beginning
20 of any registration period and the vehicle is not registered in this state at the time
21 of application and the applicant desires to register for the succeeding registration
22 period as well as for the remainder of the current period, the department upon
23 registering the vehicle shall issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate designed for the
24 succeeding registration period rather than for the current period. ~~Such plates also~~
25 serve The plate also serves during the remainder of the current registration period

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1 as lawful evidence of the registration of the vehicle. This subsection does not affect
2 computation of fee payable by the applicant.

3 **SECTION 83.** 341.295 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

10 **SECTION 84.** 341.295 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 341.295 (3) (b) If the applicant does not hold a current registration plates plate
12 under the circumstances described in par. (a) and the application is an original
13 rather than renewal application, the department may register the vehicle which is
14 the subject of the application for such period or part of a period as the secretary
15 determines will help to equalize the registration and renewal workload of the
16 department.

17 **SECTION 85.** 341.31 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 341.31 (1) (b) 5. The vehicle is a motorcycle which has been transferred or
19 leased to the applicant and for which a current registration plates plate had been
20 issued to the previous owner; or

21 **SECTION 86.** 341.31 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.31 (4) (b) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a vehicle
23 under s. 342.15 (4) (a) or 342.34 (1) (c) or (2) (c) and which was junked or transferred,
24 is no longer leased to the person or used on the highways or has been registered as
25 a special interest vehicle under s. 341.266 (2) (a) or a reconstructed, replica, street

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1 modified or homemade vehicle under s. 341.268 (2) (a) may receive credit for the
2 unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement vehicle
3 of the same type and gross weight.

4 **SECTION 87.** 341.31 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.31 (4) (c) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a motorcycle
6 may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when
7 registering a replacement motorcycle.

8 **SECTION 88.** 341.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 341.32 (1) Whenever the construction or the use of a registered vehicle is
10 changed in a manner making the vehicle subject to a different registration fee than
11 the fee for which the vehicle currently is registered, the owner shall immediately
12 make application for reregistration. The fee payable upon such reregistration shall
13 be computed as for a vehicle not previously registered in this state but a credit shall
14 be allowed for the unused portion of the fee paid for the previous registration if the
15 registration plates plate issued upon the previous registration are is returned to the
16 department. The credit shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual
17 registration fee or one twenty-fourth of the biennial registration fee prescribed for
18 the vehicle as previously registered multiplied by the number of months of
19 registration which have not fully expired on the date the vehicle became subject to
20 the different fee. The credit may be applied toward the reregistration of the vehicle
21 only up to the date when the previous registration would have expired.

22 **SECTION 89.** 341.33 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 341.33 (2) The department shall refund the unused portion of a registration fee
24 paid for the registration of a vehicle owned by a person who is entering active service
25 in the naval or military forces of the United States if the person makes application

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1 for such refund upon a form prescribed by the department, furnishes such proof as
2 the department may require that the vehicle will not be operated in this or another
3 state during the remainder of the period for which the vehicle is registered, and
4 returns to the department the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~ plate.
5 The refund shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual registration
6 fee or one twenty-fourth of the biennial registration fee paid for the vehicle,
7 multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the period for which the vehicle
8 is registered when the vehicle ceases to be operated.

9 **SECTION 90.** 341.33 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 341.33 (3) Upon request, the department shall refund ~~50%~~ 50 percent of a
11 registration fee paid for a vehicle registered on a biennial basis if the person who
12 registered the vehicle furnishes such proof as the department requires that the
13 person has transferred his or her interest in the vehicle or terminated leasing the
14 vehicle before the beginning of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is
15 registered or that the vehicle will not be operated in this state after the beginning
16 of the 2nd year of the period for which the vehicle is registered. The department may
17 require the person to return the certificate of registration and registration ~~plates~~
18 plate for the vehicle to the department. Except as provided in sub. (1), the
19 department may not refund more than ~~50%~~ 50 percent of the fee paid for the
20 registration of a vehicle registered on a biennial basis.

21 **SECTION 91.** 341.335 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 341.335 (1) Whenever any person, after applying for and receiving a
23 registration ~~plates~~ plate, moves from the address named in the application for the
24 registration ~~plates~~ plate or when the name of the licensee is changed by marriage or
25 otherwise, the person shall within 10 days notify the department in writing of the

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1 old and new address or of such former and new names and of all registration plate
2 numbers held.

3 **SECTION 92.** 341.51 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 341.51 (2) Upon registering a dealer, distributor, manufacturer or transporter,
5 the department also shall issue 2 registration plates sufficient to operate 2 or more
6 vehicles as authorized in ch. 218. The department, upon receiving a fee of \$5 for each
7 additional plate desired by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer of motor vehicles,
8 trailers or semitrailers, \$5 for each additional plate desired by a dealer, distributor
9 or manufacturer of recreational vehicles and \$5 for each additional plate desired by
10 a transporter, shall issue to the registered dealer, distributor, manufacturer or
11 transporter the additional plates as ordered. The department may charge a fee of
12 \$2 per plate for replacing lost, damaged or illegible plates issued under this
13 subsection.

14 **SECTION 93.** 341.625 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 341.625 (1) Any person who fraudulently procures or uses a special
16 registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) shall forfeit
17 not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

18 **SECTION 94.** 341.63 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 341.63 (3) (a) Whenever the registration of a vehicle is suspended under this
20 section or ch. 344, the department may order the owner or person in possession of the
21 registration plates plate to return ~~them~~ it to the department. Any person who fails
22 to return the plates plate when ordered to do so by the department may be required
23 to forfeit not more than \$200.

24 **SECTION 95.** 341.63 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 341.63 (3) (b) (intro.) In addition to or in lieu of ordering the return of a
2 registration plates plate under par. (a), the department may seize and destroy the
3 registration plates plate of any motor vehicle for which all of the following apply:

4 **SECTION 96.** 341.65 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.65 (1) (b) “Unregistered motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle that is
6 located upon a highway and that is not displaying a valid registration plates plate,
7 a temporary operation plate, or other evidence of registration as provided under s.
8 341.18 (1) for the vehicle’s current registration period or for a registration period for
9 the vehicle that expired within the immediately preceding 31 days.

10 **SECTION 97.** 342.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 342.05 (5) Unless otherwise authorized by rule of the department, a
12 nonresident owner of a vehicle that is not subject to registration in this state may not
13 apply for a certificate of title under this chapter unless the vehicle is subject to a
14 security interest or except as provided in s. 342.16 (1) (a). Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of this section, a nonresident may purchase a temporary operation plates
16 plate under s. 341.09 (4). Any temporary operation permit or plate issued under s.
17 341.09 shall not be considered registration of the vehicle for purposes of this
18 subsection.

19 **SECTION 98.** 342.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 342.15 (4) (a) If the vehicle being transferred is a motorcycle or an automobile
21 registered under s. 341.27 or a motor home or a motor truck, dual purpose motor
22 home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000
23 pounds or a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds, the
24 owner shall remove the registration plates plate and retain and preserve ~~them~~ the

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1 plate for use on any other vehicle of the same type and gross weight which may
2 subsequently be registered in his or her name.

3 **SECTION 99.** 342.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 342.15 (4) (b) If the vehicle being transferred is a vehicle registered under s.
5 341.26 at a special fee and the new owner will not be entitled to register the vehicle
6 at such fee, the transferor shall remove and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

7 **SECTION 100.** 342.15 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 342.15 (4) (c) In all other cases the transferor shall permit the ~~plates~~ plate to
9 remain attached to the vehicle being transferred, except that if the vehicle has been
10 junked the transferor shall remove and destroy the ~~plates~~ plate.

11 **SECTION 101.** 342.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

23 **SECTION 102.** 342.34 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 342.34 (2) (c) Remove and either retain or destroy the registration ~~plates~~ plate
25 for the vehicle as provided in sub. (1) (c).

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

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

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

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

8 **SECTION 105.** 344.55 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 344.55 (2) The department may not issue a registration ~~plates~~ plate for such
10 a vehicle unless there is on file with the department a certificate of insurance
11 showing that the vehicle is insured in compliance with sub. (1). No such policy may
12 be terminated prior to its expiration or canceled for any reason unless a notice thereof
13 is filed with the department at least 30 days prior to the date of termination or
14 cancellation. The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle on which
15 the insurance policy has been terminated or canceled, effective on the date of
16 termination or cancellation.

17 **SECTION 106.** 346.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.50 (2) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a special
19 registration plate issued under s. 341.14 (1) to a disabled veteran or on his or her
20 behalf is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any
21 street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased, or both
22 municipally owned and leased, or a parking place owned or leased, or both owned and
23 leased, by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but
24 otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a
25 metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required. Parking

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1 privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the disabled veteran to whom or
2 on whose behalf the special ~~plates were~~ plate was issued and to qualified operators
3 acting under the disabled veteran's express direction with the disabled veteran
4 present.

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

6 346.50 (2a) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing a
7 special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a
8 motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card
9 issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another
10 jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued
11 by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically
12 disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking
13 in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased,
14 or both municipally owned and leased, or a parking place owned or leased, or both
15 owned and leased, by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more
16 limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time
17 limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required.
18 Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

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

20 346.50 (2a) (a) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
21 (1a).

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

23 346.50 (2a) (b) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
24 person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1a) when such person
25 is present.

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

2 346.50 **(2a)** (c) A person to whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14
3 (1m) when the disabled person for whom the ~~plates were~~ plate was issued is present.

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

5 346.50 **(2a)** (d) A person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s.
6 341.14 (1q).

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

8 346.50 **(2a)** (e) A qualified operator acting under the express direction of a
9 person for whom ~~plates were~~ a plate was issued under s. 341.14 (1q) when such
10 person is present.

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

12 346.50 **(3)** Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing a special
13 registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor
14 vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special identification card issued
15 under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon
16 which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other
17 jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical
18 disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity therewith
19 prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or
20 parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official traffic signs
21 indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges granted by this
22 subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a) (a) to (m).

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

24 346.503 **(1)** In this section, “motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person”
25 means a motor vehicle bearing a special registration ~~plates~~ plate issued under s.

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1 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon
2 which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor
3 vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or
4 emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle
5 used by a physically disabled person.

6 **SECTION 115.** 346.505 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 346.505 (2) (a) Except for a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person
8 as defined under s. 346.503 (1), no person may park, stop or leave standing any
9 vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise,
10 upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic
11 signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates
12 plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a special identification card
13 issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying
14 a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
15 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

16 **SECTION 116.** 346.505 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 346.505 (2) (b) No person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether
18 attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of
19 a street, highway or parking facility so as to obstruct, block or otherwise limit the use
20 of any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs
21 indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying a special registration plates plate
22 issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a special identification card
23 issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying
24 a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which
25 designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

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

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

13 **SECTION 118.** 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 349.13 (1m) In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the
15 department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and
16 parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to
17 highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting
18 highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may,
19 by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping or
20 standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for any
21 vehicle bearing a special registration plates plate issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a),
22 (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, upon which a special
23 identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or any vehicle registered in
24 another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by

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1 the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically
2 disabled person.

3 **SECTION 119.** 885.237 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 885.237 (2) Notwithstanding s. 341.04, the fact that an automobile or motor
5 truck having a registered weight of 8,000 pounds or less is located on a highway, as
6 defined in s. 340.01 (22), and is not displaying a valid registration plates plate, a
7 temporary operation plate or other evidence of registration as provided under s.
8 341.18 (1) is prima facie evidence, for purposes of ch. 341, that the vehicle is an
9 unregistered or improperly registered vehicle. This subsection does not apply to
10 violations of ordinances enacted under s. 341.65, but this subsection does apply to
11 violations of ordinances enacted under s. 341.65, 2003 stats.

12 **SECTION 120. Initial applicability.**

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

15 **SECTION 121. Effective date.**

16 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2014, or on the day after publication,
17 whichever is later.

18 (END)