



State of Wisconsin  
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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## 2011 SENATE BILL 211

October 4, 2011 – Introduced by Senators OLSEN, LEIBHAM, CARPENTER, COWLES, T. CULLEN, GALLOWAY, HANSEN, HOLPERIN, LAZICH, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives A. OTT, BIES, CLARK, DOYLE, ENDSLEY, JACQUE, JORGENSEN, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KNILANS, MARKLEIN, MOLEPSKE JR, PETROWSKI, STEINEKE, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TURNER, VOS and WEININGER. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 341.52 of the statutes; **relating to:** registration plates for  
2 dealers, distributors, manufacturers, and transporters of motor vehicles.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter of vehicles may register with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and obtain issuance of vehicle registration plates. Under certain circumstances, the dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter may display these plates on an unregistered vehicle and legally operate the vehicle on the highway. Each plate must include a registration number composed of numbers or letters or both. Each plate must also have displayed upon it a symbol capable of distinguishing it from any other plate issued to the same dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter.

Under this bill, DOT is not required to include on plates issued to a dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter a symbol capable of distinguishing the plate from other plates issued to the same dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter. Instead, these plates may have displayed upon them a decal or sticker displaying letters that is approved by DOT and that is capable of distinguishing the plates from other plates which may be issued to the same dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter. If such a decal or sticker is displayed, the bill specifies the location on the plate where the decal or sticker must be placed.

