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2007 Wisconsin Act 107 [2007 Assembly Bill 442]

Special Distinguishing Registration Plates in Support of Donate Life Wisconsin

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issues special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles to members of certain authorized special groups. Wisconsin Act 107 creates a new authorized special group license plate for people interested in supporting the efforts of Donate Life Wisconsin and the promotion of organ and tissue donation. Special group members are required to pay an additional \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of these special plates and an additional \$25 annual fee. The Act requires the DOT to distribute funds in excess of the first \$43,200, the initial costs of production of the special plate, to the Department of Health and Family Services (note: this agency will be renamed effective July 1, 2008) for distribution to Donate Life Wisconsin. Donate Life Wisconsin must meet certain requirements such as to authorize DOT to use its logos, trademarks, or symbols at no cost, to submit an annual audited financial statement to the Legislature, to maintain its tax-exempt status, and others.

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