

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 160 [2007 Assembly Bill 80]

Special Vehicle Registration Plates for Family Members of Deceased Armed Forces Personnel

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issues special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles to members of certain authorized special groups, upon request and payment of any additional fees. One such authorized special group includes people who have had an immediate family member die in combat while serving in the U.S. armed forces.

2007 Wisconsin Act 160 removes the requirement that the deceased must have died while serving "in combat" and includes people who have had an immediate family member die while serving in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces if the immediate family member meets any of the eligibility criteria specified in 10 U.S.C. s. 1126 (a) (1) to (3) for a gold star lapel button.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/.