

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 431

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under **current law**, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for designation as an authorized special group. If the application is approved, members of the authorized special group may obtain special distinguishing license 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 license 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 establishes an authorized special group specifically enumerated in state law for persons who are emergency responder personnel. "Emergency responder personnel" include first responders, who provide care for, but do not transport, an injured or sick person, and emergency medical technicians.

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Provides a one-time appropriation to the DOT's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) from the transportation fund for \$11,800 to increase funding for the license plates created in the bill.

Legislative History

On November 17, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended for adoption Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

The Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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