



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 282

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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Senate Bill 282 establishes special distinguishing registration plates to fund the efforts of the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, Inc. (WWHF), to provide women's health outreach and education programs in the state. The bill requires an annual contribution of \$25 in addition to the regular registration fee. This plate would also be subject to the current law requirement of a \$15 issuance or reissuance fee. The bill directs that the first \$27,600 of contributions would be retained in the Transportation Fund to offset the cost to the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for initial data processing modifications and plate design related to this new plate.

Senate Amendment 1 diverts an additional \$8,000 (of the revenue derived from the issuance of WWHF license plates) from DOT's general operations appropriation to DMV for startup costs related to design and production of the plates. This is accomplished by changing the \$27,600 figure in the bill to \$35,600.

Senate Amendment 2 specifies that funds raised through the sale of WWHF license plates will be deposited into a new appropriation created under the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) specifically for the WWHF. DHFS would enter into a contractual relationship with WWHF, releasing all such funds to WWHF for activities relating to women's health outreach, education, and research.

Both Senate Amendments 1 and 2 also include technical "clean-up" language to reflect renumbering needed as a result of the approval of other new special distinguishing registration plates in the 2005-07 state budget.

Legislative History

On November 4, 2005, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation recommended for adoption Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then voted for passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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