



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 627

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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CURRENT LAW

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 registration 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 charged for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special plates were specifically enumerated in state law. With certain exceptions, current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE BILL 627

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 (offered by Senator Coggs) establishes an authorized special group for women veterans. The substitute amendment provides that:

- In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates.
- Except for the initial costs of production of the special group plate or \$23,700, whichever is less, this \$15 fee received by DOT for these special group plates is deposited in the veterans trust fund.

- The effective date of the bill, as amended, if enacted into law is the first day of the 13th month beginning after the effective date of the new law.

Legislative History

At an executive session on April 20, 2010, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources voted to adopt Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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