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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 570

September 25, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Musser, Brandemuehl, Gunderson, Albers, Ryba, Green, Turner, Dobyns, Grobschmidt, Goetsch, La Fave, Wirch, Boyle, Kaufert, Freese, Gronemus, F. Lasee, Olsen and Grothman, cosponsored by Senators Zien, Schultz, Breske and Moen. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

- AN ACT to renumber and amend 341.14 (6) (b) of the statutes; relating to:
- retention of special motor vehicle registration plates related to the armed services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) may issue special distinguishing motor vehicle registration plates to active duty, retired, reserve or veteran members of the U.S. armed services, to U.S. veterans of foreign wars and other military operations and to recipients of certain U.S. military honors. While motor vehicle registration plates are generally not transferable, the surviving spouse of a person issued special distinguishing motor vehicle registration plates identifying the person as a former prisoner of war may apply to DOT to retain the registration plates or to have the registration plates reissued to the surviving spouse.

This bill makes any of the special distinguishing motor vehicle registration plates associated with a branch of the U.S. armed services or with an organization that is military in nature, except disabled veteran plates, transferable to the surviving spouse.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 341.14 (8) and amended
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341.14 (8) If a registration special plate for a group associated with a branch of the armed services or otherwise military in nature has been issued to a person under par. sub. (6) (a), upon application by the surviving spouse of the person, the department may permit the surviving spouse to retain the plate. If the plate has been returned to the department or surrendered to another state, the department may reissue the plate to the surviving spouse. The department shall charge an additional fee of \$10 to reissue the plate. This subsection does not apply to a special plate issued under s. 341.14 (1) or (1r).

9 (END)