



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 431

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7. and 341.14 (6r) (g); and *to create* 341.14
2 (6r) (f) 33m. of the statutes; **relating to:** special distinguishing registration
3 plates associated with persons who are emergency responder personnel.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6r) (f) 33m. of the statutes is created to read:

2 341.14 **(6r)** (f) 33m. Emergency responder personnel who include “first
3 responders,” as defined in s. 146.53 (1) (d), and “emergency medical technicians,” as
4 defined in ss. 146.50 (1) (e) to (h).

5 **SECTION 2.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 341.14 **(6r)** (fm) 7. ~~Except for the authorized special group enumerated under~~
7 ~~par. (f) 55., after~~ After October 1, 1998, additional authorized special groups may
8 only be special groups designated by the department under this paragraph. The
9 authorized special groups enumerated in par. (f) shall be limited solely to those
10 special groups specified under par. (f) on October 1, 1998, ~~except for the authorized~~
11 ~~special group enumerated under par. (f) 55.~~ This subdivision does not apply to the
12 special group groups specified under par. (f) ~~54~~ 33m., 54., or 55.

13 **SECTION 3.** 341.14 (6r) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.14 **(6r)** (g) If an individual in possession of special plates under par. (f) 33.,
15 33m., 34. or 48. or of personalized plates under s. 341.145 (1) (c) of the same color and
16 design as special plates under par. (f) 33., 33m., 34. or 48. does not maintain
17 membership in the applicable authorized special group during a year that is not a
18 plate issuance year, the individual shall dispose of the special plates in a manner
19 prescribed by the department.

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