



2005 SENATE BILL 125

March 18, 2005 - Introduced by Senator DECKER, cosponsored by Representative SEIDEL. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the design of special
2 registration plates associated with persons interested in supporting
3 endangered resources.

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 license plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes that are owned or leased by special group members. Members of an authorized special group for persons interested in supporting endangered resources may obtain endangered resources special plates. The design of these plates is determined by DOT in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), but such plates must be as similar as possible in color and design to regular license plates.

This bill requires that, beginning on July 1, 2007, the word or symbol appearing on endangered resources special plates represent a raptor identified by DNR as an endangered species.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 341.14 (6r) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 341.14 **(6r)** (c) Special group plates shall display the word “Wisconsin”, the
3 name of the applicable authorized special group, a symbol representing the special
4 group, not exceeding one position, and identifying letters or numbers or both, not
5 exceeding 6 positions and not less than one position. The department shall specify
6 the design for special group plates, but the department shall consult the president
7 of the University of Wisconsin System before specifying the word or symbol used to
8 identify the special groups under par. (f) 35. to 47., the secretary of natural resources
9 before specifying the word or symbol used to identify ~~for~~ the special group under par.
10 (f) 50., and the chief executive officer of the professional football team and an
11 authorized representative of the league of professional football teams described in
12 s. 229.823 to which that team belongs before specifying the design for the applicable
13 special group plate under par. (f) 55. Special group plates under par. (f) 50. shall be
14 as similar as possible to regular registration plates in color and design and,
15 beginning with registrations initially effective on July 1, 2007, the word or symbol
16 used to identify the special group under par. (f) 50. shall represent a raptor identified
17 by the department of natural resources as an endangered species.

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