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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO SENATE BILL 429**

January 27, 2022 - Offered by Senator WANGGAARD.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 341.135; *to amend* 341.12 (4) (a), 341.16 (1)  
2           (a) and 341.16 (2); and *to create* 341.12 (4) (am), 341.135 (2), 341.135 (3) and  
3           341.16 (2s) of the statutes; **relating to:** construction and issuance of motor  
4           vehicle registration plates.

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

5           **SECTION 1.** 341.12 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           341.12 (4) (a) ~~All~~ Subject to par. (am), all registration plates issued under s.  
7           341.25 (1) (a) and for motor trucks having a gross weight of not more than 8,000  
8           pounds shall be treated with a reflectorized material or substance. The department  
9           shall prescribe the term for the use of reflectorized plates.

10          **SECTION 2.** 341.12 (4) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

11          341.12 (4) (am) Beginning with registrations initially effective July 1, 2022, all  
12          registration plates issued by the department shall be constructed with aluminum

1 plates tempered to a hardness and thickness of approximately 0.027 inches and  
2 prismatic sheeting with embedded security features. Registration plate sheeting  
3 shall be of a type successfully used by the manufacturer in multiple jurisdictions and  
4 shall have an initial minimum coefficient of reflectivity of 150 candelas per lux per  
5 square meter and an initial minimum luminance factor greater than 55.

6 **SECTION 3.** 341.135 of the statutes is renumbered 341.135 (1) and amended to  
7 read:

8 341.135 (1) DESIGN. At intervals determined by the department, the  
9 department shall establish new designs of registration plates to be issued under ss.  
10 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), and (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), and (j) and  
11 (2) (a), (b), and (c), and 341.26 (2) and (3) (a) 1. and (am). Any design for registration  
12 plates issued for automobiles and for vehicles registered on the basis of gross weight  
13 shall comply with the applicable design requirements of ss. 341.12 (3), 341.13, and  
14 341.14 (6r) (c). The designs for registration plates specified in this ~~section~~ subsection  
15 shall be as similar in appearance as practicable during each design interval. Except  
16 as provided in ss. 341.13 (2r) and 341.14 (1), each registration plate issued under s.  
17 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), (1q), (2), (2m), (6m), or (6r), 341.25 (1) (a), (c), (h), or (j) or (2)  
18 (a), (b), or (c), or 341.26 (2) or (3) (a) 1. or (am) during each design interval shall be  
19 of the design established under this ~~section~~ subsection. The department may not  
20 redesign registration plates for the special groups under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 53., 54., or  
21 55. until July 1, 2010. ~~Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3), as the department establishes~~  
22 ~~new designs for registration plates under this section, the department shall, at the~~  
23 ~~time determined appropriate by the department, issue registration plates of the new~~  
24 ~~design to replace registration plates previously issued. This section does not apply~~  
25 ~~to special group plates under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 19m., 33m., and 48m.~~

1           **SECTION 4.** 341.135 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

2           341.135 (2) ISSUANCE. (a) Notwithstanding s. 341.13 (3) and subject to par. (b),  
3 beginning with registrations initially effective July 1, 2022, upon receipt of a  
4 completed application to renew the registration of a vehicle under s. 341.25 (1) (a) or  
5 (c) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) for which a registration plate has not been issued during the  
6 previous 10 years, the department shall issue and deliver prepaid to the applicant  
7 2 new registration plates of the design established under sub. (1).

8           (b) The department may issue new registration plates under par. (a) in a time  
9 frame determined by the department, but the department shall complete the  
10 issuance of new registration plates under par. (a) no later than July 1, 2032.

11           **SECTION 5.** 341.135 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

12           341.135 (3) APPLICABILITY. This section does not apply to special group plates  
13 under s. 341.14 (6r) (f) 19m., 33m., or 48m.

14           **SECTION 6.** 341.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           341.16 (1) (a) Whenever a current registration plate is lost or destroyed, the  
16 owner of the vehicle to which the plate was attached shall immediately apply to the  
17 department for replacement. Except as provided in par. (b) and sub. (2m), upon  
18 satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of the plate and upon payment of a fee of  
19 \$2 \$4.00 for each plate, the department shall issue a replacement.

20           **SECTION 7.** 341.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           341.16 (2) Whenever a current registration plate becomes illegible, the owner  
22 of the vehicle to which the plate is attached shall apply to the department for a  
23 replacement. Except as provided in sub. (2m), upon receipt of satisfactory proof of  
24 illegibility, and upon payment of a fee of \$2 \$4.00 for each plate, the department shall

1 issue a replacement. Upon receipt of a replacement plate, the applicant shall destroy  
2 the illegible plate.

3 **SECTION 8.** 341.16 (2s) of the statutes is created to read:

4 341.16 (2s) When the owner of a vehicle applies to the department to renew the  
5 registration of a vehicle for which new plates are required under s. 341.135 (2), and  
6 upon payment of a fee of \$4.00 for each plate, the department shall issue new  
7 replacement plates. Upon receipt of replacement plates, the applicant shall destroy  
8 the replaced plates.

9 **SECTION 9. Nonstatutory provisions.**

10 (1) If ongoing funding for the issuance of new registration plates under s.  
11 341.135 (2) is approved by the joint committee on finance under s. 13.10, the  
12 department of transportation shall submit to the legislative reference bureau for  
13 publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register a notice specifying the date  
14 that the funding is approved.

15 **SECTION 10. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on July 1, 2022, except as  
16 follows:

17 (1) The treatment of s. 341.135 (2) takes effect on the date specified in the notice  
18 published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register under SECTION 9 (1) of this act,  
19 or on July 1, 2023, whichever is earlier.

20 (END)