

**WI Legislative Fiscal Bureau 2009-2011 Summary of Governor's Recommendations  
Department of Transportation**

**3. ELIMINATE LICENSE PLATE STICKERS**

**Governor:** Delete \$532,000 in 2010-11 to reflect savings associated with eliminating requirements, as summarized below, for the issuance and display of license plate stickers indicating the period of registration and expiration date, and for certain vehicles, the weight class of the vehicle, or other specific identifiers. This item is part of a package of spending reductions in the bill intended to generate savings in DOT totaling \$22,190,500 in 2009-10 and \$21,838,300 in 2010-11 (not including additional amounts from a 1% reduction to most nonfederal appropriations).

Eliminate the requirement that license plates display the period for which the specific plate is issued or the date of expiration of the registration, and the requirement that plates be designed to show the period for which the plate is issued and, for vehicles registered on the basis of gross weight, the weight class into which the vehicle falls (the weight class would, instead, be shown on the certificate of registration). Eliminate a specific requirement, with respect to the registration of automobiles, that the license plate display a three-letter abbreviation for the month of registration and year of registration. Eliminate a provision that permits the Department to issue a sticker as evidence of registration upon renewal in lieu of issuing a new plate, and instead specify that the Department is not required to issue a new plate upon registration renewal.

Eliminate a requirement that vehicles registered specifically for use by persons issued a special restricted driver's license be issued a license plate with a tag, decal, or other identification indicating the restricted nature of the allowable operation and specify, instead, that such restrictions be indicated on the certificate of title for the vehicle.

Modify the definition of "unregistered motor vehicle" in provisions related to the removal of such vehicles by law enforcement officers to eliminate references to "valid registration plate" and "evidence of registration" and, instead, specify that an unregistered vehicle is one which does not have a registration plate for which the Department's vehicle registration records indicate valid registration. Modify various statutory provisions to eliminate references to such stickers and decals. Specify that these provisions would take effect on the first day of the seventh month beginning after publication of the budget act and would first apply to applications for registration or registration renewal received on that day.

[AB 75 Sections: 2786 thru 2791, 2793 thru 2795, 2798, 2834, 2842, 2844, 2884 thru 2892, 2895, 3268, 9350(7), and 9450(13)]