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## **Assembly Passes Bill to Help Families of Fallen Law Enforcement Officers**

*Legislation is expected to more than triple the Memorial Fund's annual revenue collections*

**Madison-** Today the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a bill authored by State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) which will enable Wisconsin's Law Enforcement Memorial Fund license plate to collect donations for the organization, similar to how other specialty plates function in the state of Wisconsin.

"The Law Enforcement Memorial Fund is an incredibly deserving organization, focusing its efforts on assisting the families of law enforcement officers following the tragedy of a line-of-duty death, as well as maintaining memorials to permanently recognize our fallen heroes. Utilizing this existing license plate as a means to provide financial support to this honorable organization, just like other specialty plates in Wisconsin do, is an obvious choice," said Rep. Steffen.

Under this legislation, a \$25 voluntary payment will be attached to the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund license plate. The revenue generated from these payments will be equally divided between the Wisconsin and National Law Enforcement Memorial Funds, and all revenue collected must be spent in the state of Wisconsin. Because of the very limited revenue stream currently funding these organizations, based on previous sales of these plates, the \$25 donation per plate is expected to more than triple the size of the Wisconsin fund's annual budget.

Several other specialty plates that collect donations for their respective organizations already exist in Wisconsin, such as Donate Life Wisconsin Inc., the Celebrate Children Foundation, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, and UW System Scholarship programs. This bill will put the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund license plate in-line with other specialty plates that serve to bring awareness and financial support to their organizations.

"I am incredibly pleased to see this bill continue to move forward. Making this adjustment will directly assist our families of law enforcement and provide a means to continue preserving the legacy of the officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice during their service," said Rep. Steffen.

The Wisconsin Senate is set to consider this bipartisan legislation in the coming weeks.

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