



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 677

December 13, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives CROWLEY, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, STUBBS, C. TAYLOR and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 343.18 (1); and *to create* 343.17 (7) and 343.21 (1) (Lm) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** electronic copies of operators' licenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the Department of Transportation to issue a copy of an operator's license in an electronic format to the person to whom the operator's license is issued.

Under current law, a licensee must have his or her license document in his or her immediate possession when operating a motor vehicle and must display the license document upon demand from a traffic officer. Under this bill, the license document may be produced in either printed or electronic format.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 343.17 (7) of the statutes is created to read:
4 343.17 (7) **ELECTRONIC COPY.** The department may issue a copy of an operator's
5 license in an electronic format to the person to whom the operator's license is issued.
6 **SECTION 2.** 343.18 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 677**SECTION 2**

1 343.18 (1) Every licensee shall have his or her license document in his or her
2 immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display
3 the license document upon demand from any judge, justice, or traffic officer. The
4 license document required under this subsection may be displayed in either printed
5 or electronic format, including by display of electronic images on a cellular telephone
6 or other electronic device. If the license document is displayed in electronic format
7 on any cellular telephone or other electronic device, the traffic officer may not view,
8 and displaying a license document in electronic format is not considered consent for
9 the traffic officer to view, any content on the telephone or other device except the
10 license document required under this subsection.

11 **SECTION 3.** 343.21 (1) (Lm) of the statutes is created to read:

12 343.21 (1) (Lm) For a copy of an operator's license under s. 343.17 (7), \$10.

13 (END)