AN ACT to amend 71.935 (2), 85.103 (6), 342.06 (1) (intro.), 342.06 (1) (eg), 343.027, 343.14 (1) and 343.14 (2j) (b) of the statutes; relating to: disclosing information obtained by the Department of Transportation to the Department of Revenue.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) obtains social security numbers from driver’s license and vehicle title applications and may not disclose such social security numbers except to the Department of Workforce Development for the purpose of administering the laws related to child and spousal support. In addition, DOT may only disclose a signature that it obtains from a driver’s license application to the person to whom the signature relates.

Under the bill, generally, DOT may disclose information that it obtains from driver’s license and vehicle title applications, including social security numbers and signatures, to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of administering state taxes.

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:
SECTION 1. 71.935 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

71.935 (2) A municipality or county may certify to the department any debt owed to it. Not later than 5 days after certification, the municipality or county shall notify the debtor in writing of its certification of the debt to the department, of the basis of the certification and of the debtor’s right to appeal and, in the case of parking citations, of the debtor’s right to contest the citation. At the time of certification, the municipality or county shall furnish to the department the name and social security number or operator’s license number of each individual debtor and the name and federal employer identification number of each other debtor.

SECTION 2. 85.103 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.103 (6) The department may disclose the personal identifier of any person who has made a designation under sub. (2) or (3) if the department discloses the personal identifier under s. 341.17 (9), 342.06, 343.027, 343.14, 343.234, 343.235, 343.24 (3) and (4), or 343.245 (3m).

SECTION 3. 342.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.06 (1) (intro.) An application for a certificate of title shall be made to the department upon a form or in an automated format prescribed by it and shall be accompanied by the required fee and any applicable taxes. Information obtained by the department under this subsection shall be provided to the department of revenue for the sole purpose of administering state taxes. Each application for certificate of title shall include the following information:

SECTION 4. 342.06 (1) (eg) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.06 (1) (eg) Except as provided in par. (eh), if the applicant is an individual, the social security number of the applicant. The department of transportation may not disclose a social security number obtained under this paragraph to any person
except to the department of workforce development for the sole purpose of administering s. 49.22 and to the department of revenue for the sole purpose of administering state taxes.

**SECTION 5.** 343.027 of the statutes is amended to read:

**343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential. The department may release a signature or a facsimile of a signature only to the department of revenue for the purpose of investigating allegations of tax fraud or to the person to whom the signature relates.

**SECTION 6.** 343.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

**343.14 (1)** Every application to the department for a license or identification card or for renewal thereof shall be made upon the appropriate form furnished by the department and shall be accompanied by the required fee. Names, addresses, license numbers, and social security numbers obtained by the department under this subsection shall be provided to the department of revenue for the purpose of administering setoffs under ss. 71.93 and 71.935 and state taxes.

**SECTION 7.** 343.14 (2j) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

**343.14 (2j) (b)** Except as otherwise required to administer and enforce this chapter, the department of transportation may not disclose a social security number obtained from an applicant for a license under sub. (2) (bm) to any person except to the department of workforce development for the sole purpose of administering s. 49.22 or to the department of revenue for the purpose of administering setoffs under ss. 71.93 and 71.935 and state taxes.