



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 244**  
[2017 Senate Bill 415]

**Disclosure of Disability Not  
Immediately Apparent to Another**

2017 Wisconsin Act 244 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make available on its Internet site and at local examining centers a form that a person may use to disclose to law enforcement that he or she has a disability that may not be immediately apparent to another (invisible disability). This type of disability may include that the person: (1) appears deaf or unable to understand; (2) has difficulty speaking or communicating; (3) engages in repetitive or self-stimulating behaviors such as rocking or hand flapping; (4) appears anxious, nervous, or upset; (5) becomes agitated due to physical contact or stressful situations; or (6) acts indifferent or unresponsive. The application form for a motor vehicle operator's license or identification card and the application form for motor vehicle registration must contain a statement advising the applicant that he or she may disclose an invisible disability to law enforcement using the form described above.

DOT must maintain a record of applicants who file a form disclosing an invisible disability. Upon the request of a law enforcement officer or other appropriate person as determined by the department, DOT must examine that record and advise the officer or other person as to whether the person has been recorded as a person who has disclosed an invisible disability. DOT must remove information about a person who has filed a form indicating an invisible disability upon the person's request.

**Effective date:** The Act initially applies to applications that are made on its effective date, which is January 1, 2019.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.