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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 517

September 25, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives QUINN, SPIROS, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, BROSTOFF, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, HUTTON, JAGLER, KREMER, KRUG, MURSAU, STEFFEN, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TUSLER and VANDERMEER, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, OLSEN, FEYEN, HARSDORF and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Mental Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 343.50 (4); and *to create* 343.14 (2) (k) and 343.14 (8) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** reporting on an operator license or identification card
3 application the existence of a disability that is not immediately apparent to
4 another.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation to indicate whether he or she has a disability that may not be immediately apparent to another (invisible disability). If a law enforcement officer or other designated person requests information on a person's operator's license or identification card application, DOT must examine its record of persons who have indicated an invisible disability and advise the law enforcement officer or other person as to whether the person is recorded as a person who has indicated an invisible disability.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 343.14 (2) (k) of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 517**SECTION 1**

1 343.14 (2) (k) A question as to whether the applicant wishes to indicate that
2 he or she has a disability that may not be immediately apparent to another. The form
3 shall include the following statement together with a set of check boxes allowing a
4 person to indicate that the person wishes to disclose the condition indicated by the
5 check box. “I have an invisible disability that I wish to disclose to law enforcement
6 officers and that may include:

7 Appears deaf or unable to understand.

8 Has difficulty speaking or communicating.

9 Engages in repetitive or self-stimulating behaviors such as rocking or hand
10 flapping.

11 Appears anxious, nervous, or upset.

12 Becomes agitated due to physical contact or stressful situations.

13 Acts indifferent or unresponsive.

14 Other (provide brief description).” The department shall inform the applicant
15 that an indication under this paragraph will be available to law enforcement officers
16 and employees of the department.

17 **SECTION 2.** 343.14 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

18 343.14 (8) The department shall maintain a record of applicants who respond
19 in the affirmative to the question under sub. (2) (k). In the event of a request of a law
20 enforcement officer or other appropriate person, as determined by the department,
21 for application information, the department shall examine its record of persons who
22 have indicated a disability that may not be immediately apparent to another and
23 shall advise the law enforcement officer or other person as to whether the person is
24 recorded as a person who has indicated a disability that may not be immediately

