



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 498

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 71.935 (2), 85.103 (6), 342.06 (1) (intro.), 342.06 (1) (eg),
2 343.027, 343.14 (1) and 343.14 (2j) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** disclosing
3 information obtained by the Department of Transportation to the Department
4 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, DOT may disclose any information that it obtains from driver's license and vehicle title applications to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of administering state taxes, including social security numbers and signatures.

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

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1 71.935 (2) A municipality or county may certify to the department any debt
2 owed to it. Not later than 5 days after certification, the municipality or county shall
3 notify the debtor in writing of its certification of the debt to the department, of the
4 basis of the certification and of the debtor's right to appeal and, in the case of parking
5 citations, of the debtor's right to contest the citation. At the time of certification, the
6 municipality or county shall furnish to the department the name and social security
7 number or operator's license number of each individual debtor and the name and
8 federal employer identification number of each other debtor.

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

10 85.103 (6) The department may disclose the personal identifier of any person
11 who has made a designation under sub. (2) or (3) if the department discloses the
12 personal identifier under s. 341.17 (9), 342.06, 343.027, 343.14, 343.234, 343.235,
13 343.24 (3) and (4), or 343.245 (3m).

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

15 342.06 (1) (intro.) An application for a certificate of title shall be made to the
16 department upon a form or in an automated format prescribed by it and shall be
17 accompanied by the required fee and any applicable taxes. Information obtained by
18 the department under this subsection shall be provided to the department of revenue
19 for the sole purpose of administering state taxes. Each application for certificate of
20 title shall include the following information:

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

22 342.06 (1) (eg) Except as provided in par. (eh), if the applicant is an individual,
23 the social security number of the applicant. The department of transportation may
24 not disclose a social security number obtained under this paragraph to any person
25 except to the department of workforce development for the sole purpose of

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1 administering s. 49.22 and to the department of revenue for the sole purpose of
2 administering state taxes.

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

4 **343.027 Confidentiality of signatures.** Any signature collected under this
5 chapter may be maintained by the department and shall be kept confidential. ~~The,~~
6 except that the department may release a signature or a facsimile of a signature ~~only~~
7 to the department of revenue for the sole purpose of administering state taxes or to
8 the person to whom the signature relates.

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

10 343.14 (1) Every application to the department for a license or identification
11 card or for renewal thereof shall be made upon the appropriate form furnished by the
12 department and shall be accompanied by the required fee. Information obtained by
13 the department under this subsection shall be provided to the department of revenue
14 for the sole purpose of administering state taxes.

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

16 343.14 (2j) (b) Except as otherwise required to administer and enforce this
17 chapter, the department of transportation may not disclose a social security number
18 obtained from an applicant for a license under sub. (2) (bm) to any person except to
19 the department of workforce development for the sole purpose of administering s.
20 49.22 or to the department of revenue for the sole purpose of administering state
21 taxes.

22 (END)