



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 615

February 22, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives SEVERSON, LITJENS, STEINEKE, SPANBAUER and WEININGER, cosponsored by Senator GALLOWAY. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 440.03 (13) (b) (intro.); and *to create* 440.15 of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** prohibiting fingerprinting in connection with professional
3 credentials issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services or an
4 examining board or affiliated credentialing board, except as provided in the
5 statutes, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and examining boards and affiliated credentialing boards under DSPS administer Wisconsin's professional credentialing laws. Current law requires DSPS to obtain fingerprints from the following persons:

1. An applicant for a private detective license or private security permit.
2. An applicant for a juvenile martial arts instructor permit.
3. An applicant for or a holder of numerous other professional credentials in connection with an investigation by DSPS concerning whether an applicant or credential holder has been charged with or convicted of a crime.

Those fingerprints may be submitted by the department of justice to the federal bureau of investigation to verify the identity of the person fingerprinted and obtain records of the person's criminal history, if any.

This bill prohibits DSPS or an examining board or affiliated credentialing board from requiring that an applicant for or a holder of a professional credential issued by DSPS or a board submit fingerprints in connection with that credential,

