



2011 SENATE BILL 162

August 10, 2011 – Introduced by Senators TAYLOR, S. COGGS, C. LARSON, VINEHOUT, LASSA, T. CULLEN, HANSEN, RISSER and HOLPERIN, cosponsored by Representatives GRIGSBY, ROYS, VRUWINK, POCAN, PASCH, BARCA, MASON, BEWLEY, JORGENSEN, RINGHAND, POPE-ROBERTS, BERNARD SCHABER, YOUNG, TURNER, BERCEAU, STASKUNAS, MOLEPSKE JR, KESSLER, FIELDS and HULSEY. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 343.50 (4); *to repeal and recreate* 343.50 (4); and *to create*
2 343.14 (2) (j) of the statutes; **relating to:** notice of the fee for identification
3 cards issued by the Department of Transportation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, as created in 2011 Wisconsin Act 23, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may not charge a fee to an applicant for the initial issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of an identification card if the applicant is a U.S. citizen who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and the applicant requests that the identification card be provided without charge for purposes of voting.

This bill requires DOT to include, on application forms for identification cards, a statement that there is no fee for the initial issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of an identification card if the applicant is a U.S. citizen who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and the applicant requests that the identification card be provided without charge for purposes of voting. In addition, DOT must advise any person inquiring about issuance of an identification card that identification cards may be available without charge for purposes of voting.

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:

SENATE BILL 162**SECTION 1**

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

2 343.14 **(2)** (j) For an identification card, a statement that there is no fee for the
3 initial issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of an identification card if the applicant
4 is a U.S. citizen who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election
5 and the applicant requests that the identification card be provided without charge
6 for purposes of voting. In addition to this statement on the application form, the
7 department shall advise any person inquiring about issuance of an identification
8 card that identification cards may be available without charge for purposes of voting.

9 **SECTION 2.** 343.50 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 23,
10 section 134, and 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, section 3177, is amended to read:

11 343.50 **(4)** APPLICATION. The application for an identification card shall include
12 any information required under ss. 85.103 (2) and 343.14 (2) (a), (b), (bm), (br), (em),
13 ~~and (er)~~, and (j), and such further information as the department may reasonably
14 require to enable it to determine whether the applicant is entitled by law to an
15 identification card. Except with respect to renewals by mail or electronic means as
16 authorized under sub. (6), and except as provided in sub. (4g), the department shall,
17 as part of the application process for original issuance or renewal of an identification
18 card, take a photograph of the applicant to comply with sub. (3). Misrepresentations
19 in violation of s. 343.14 (5) are punishable as provided in s. 343.14 (9).

20 **SECTION 3.** 343.50 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, 2011
21 Wisconsin Act 23, section 135, 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, section 3178, and 2011
22 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

23 343.50 **(4)** APPLICATION. The application for an identification card shall include
24 any information required under ss. 85.103 (2) and 343.14 (2) (a), (b), (bm), (br), (em),
25 (es), and (j), and such further information as the department may reasonably require

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1 to enable it to determine whether the applicant is entitled by law to an identification
2 card. Except with respect to renewals described in s. 343.165 (4) (d) or renewals by
3 mail or electronic means as authorized under sub. (6), and except as provided in sub.
4 (4g), the department shall, as part of the application process for original issuance or
5 renewal of an identification card, take a digital photograph including facial image
6 capture of the applicant to comply with sub. (3). Misrepresentations in violation of
7 s. 343.14 (5) are punishable as provided in s. 343.14 (9).

8 **SECTION 4. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
9 except as follows:

10 (1) The repeal and recreation of section 343.50 (4) of the statutes takes effect
11 on the day after publication, or on the date on which the creation of section 343.165
12 of the statutes by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 takes effect, whichever is later.

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