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1 **AN ACT to amend** 343.61 (2) (a) 3., 343.61 (2) (am), 343.61 (4) (b) and 343.62 (4)
2 (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** online instruction provided by driver schools
3 licensed by the Department of Transportation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 343.61 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
5 343.61 (2) (a) 3. Identification of all driver school office locations and
6 identification of all driver school classroom locations and, if instruction is to be
7 provided by means of the Internet, a statement to this effect.

8 **SECTION 2.** 343.61 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:
9 343.61 (2) (am) A driver school may provide to the department a written
10 certification that the driver school has complied with all applicable driver school

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1 office and driver school classroom requirements imposed under this subchapter or
2 under any rule promulgated by the department under this subchapter. For purposes
3 of this paragraph, classroom instruction includes instruction provided by means of
4 the Internet if the driver school provides instruction by means of the Internet.

5 **SECTION 3.** 343.61 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 343.61 (4) (b) The location of each driver school office shall be identified in the
7 license. Except as provided by the department by rule, no licensee may establish any
8 driver school office within 1,500 feet of a department office where operator's licenses
9 are issued, nor within 1,500 feet of any headquarters where official driving skills
10 tests are given. Any change in address of any driver school office or driver school
11 classroom must be reported to and approved by the department. A driver school may
12 maintain driver school classrooms at locations other than the driver school office.
13 A driver school may provide driver training instruction by means of the Internet in
14 addition to providing instruction at a driver school classroom or, if the driver school
15 also offers behind-the-wheel instruction in this state, instead of providing
16 instruction at a driver school classroom.

17 **SECTION 4.** 343.62 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 343.62 (4) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), the department may issue an original
19 instructor's license that is restricted to classroom instruction to an applicant who
20 does not otherwise qualify for a license because the applicant does not meet the
21 requirements specified in par. (a) 2., 3., or 5. The department may not issue an
22 instructor's license that is restricted to classroom instruction under this paragraph
23 unless the applicant satisfies standards established by the department by rule
24 relating to the ability of the applicant to communicate clearly and concisely and to
25 control the classroom environment and behavior and establishing any further

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1 certification required by the department. For purposes of this paragraph and par.
2 (c), classroom instruction includes instruction provided by means of the Internet if
3 the driver school provides instruction by means of the Internet.

4 **SECTION 4m. Effective date.**

5 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after
6 publication.

7 (END)