March 21, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives CROWLEY, C. TAYLOR, FIELDS, ANDERSON, VRUWINK, ZEPNICK, ZAMARRIPA and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 343.18 (1); and to create 343.17 (7) and 343.21 (1) (Lm) of the statutes; relating to: electronic copies of operators’ licenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill allows the Department of Transportation to issue a copy of an operator’s license in an electronic format to the person to whom the operator’s license is issued.
Under current law, a licensee must have his or her license document in his or her immediate possession when operating a motor vehicle and must display the license document upon demand from a traffic officer. Under this bill, the license document may be produced in either printed or electronic format.
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:

SECTION 1. 343.17 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

343.17 (7) ELECTRONIC COPY. The department may issue a copy of an operator’s license in an electronic format to the person to whom the operator’s license is issued.

SECTION 2. 343.18 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
343.18 (1) Every licensee shall have his or her license document in his or her immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display the license document upon demand from any judge, justice, or traffic officer. The license document required under this subsection may be displayed in either printed or electronic format, including by display of electronic images on a cellular telephone or other electronic device. If the license document is displayed in electronic format on any cellular telephone or other electronic device, the traffic officer may not view, and displaying a license document in electronic format is not considered consent for the traffic officer to view, any content on the telephone or other device except the license document required under this subsection.

**SECTION 3.** 343.21 (1) (Lm) of the statutes is created to read:

343.21 (1) (Lm) For a copy of an operator’s license under s. 343.17 (7), $10.