2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 517

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AN ACT to amend 343.50 (4); and to create 343.14 (2) (k) and 343.14 (8) of the statutes; relating to: reporting on an operator license or identification card application the existence of a disability that is not immediately apparent to another.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an applicant for a motor vehicle operator’s license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation to indicate whether he or she has a disability that may not be immediately apparent to another (invisible disability). If a law enforcement officer or other designated person requests information on a person’s operator’s license or identification card application, DOT must examine its record of persons who have indicated an invisible disability and advise the law enforcement officer or other person as to whether the person is recorded as a person who has indicated an invisible disability.

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. 343.14 (2) (k) of the statutes is created to read:
343.14 (2) (k) A question as to whether the applicant wishes to indicate that he or she has a disability that may not be immediately apparent to another. The form shall include the following statement together with a set of check boxes allowing a person to indicate that the person wishes to disclose the condition indicated by the check box. “I have an invisible disability that I wish to disclose to law enforcement officers and that may include:

- Appears deaf or unable to understand.
- Has difficulty speaking or communicating.
- Engages in repetitive or self-stimulating behaviors such as rocking or hand flapping.
- Appears anxious, nervous, or upset.
- Becomes agitated due to physical contact or stressful situations.
- Acts indifferent or unresponsive.
- Other (provide brief description).” The department shall inform the applicant that an indication under this paragraph will be available to law enforcement officers and employees of the department.

**SECTION 2.** 343.14 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

343.14 (8) The department shall maintain a record of applicants who respond in the affirmative to the question under sub. (2) (k). In the event of a request of a law enforcement officer or other appropriate person, as determined by the department, for application information, the department shall examine its record of persons who have indicated a disability that may not be immediately apparent to another and shall advise the law enforcement officer or other person as to whether the person is recorded as a person who has indicated a disability that may not be immediately
apparent to another and as to any condition that has been disclosed under sub. (2) (k).

Section 3. 343.50 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.50 (4) Application. The application for an identification card shall include any information required under ss. 85.103 (2) and 343.14 (2) (a), (b), (bm), (br), (em), (es), (gh), and (j), and (k), and such further information as the department may reasonably require to enable it to determine whether the applicant is entitled by law to an identification card. Except with respect to renewals described in s. 343.165 (4) (d) or renewals by mail or electronic means as authorized under sub. (6), and except as provided in sub. (4g), the department shall, as part of the application process for original issuance or renewal of an identification card, take a digital photograph including facial image capture of the applicant to comply with sub. (3). Misrepresentations in violation of s. 343.14 (5) are punishable as provided in s. 343.14 (9).

Section 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to applications that are made on the effective date of this subsection.

Section 5. Effective date.

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