



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 881**

March 24, 1998 - Offered by Representative DOBYNS.

1     **AN ACT to create** 71.78 (1m) and 71.83 (2) (a) 3m. of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2         prohibiting browsing of taxpayer information and providing a penalty.

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

3         **SECTION 1.** 71.78 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

4             71.78 (1m) BROWSING PROHIBITED. No person, except the person who filed the  
5     return or claim, may inspect a return or claim that is filed under this chapter unless  
6     that person does so in performing the duties of his or her position. Violation of this  
7     subsection by a state employe is grounds for dismissal.

8             **(2)** If any person is charged with a violation of sub. (1), the secretary of revenue  
9     shall notify each taxpayer whose return or claim was improperly inspected by that  
10    person.

11            **(3)** Any person who is notified under sub. (2) may bring an action for damages  
12    in regard to the inspection.

