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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

TRANSPORTATION

DRIVERS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Under current law, at least 30 days prior to the expiration of a motor vehicle's registration, DOT must mail to the last-known address of the registrant a notice of the date upon which the registration must be renewed and an application form for renewal of registration. Under this bill, DOT may provide these materials by electronic mail.

Currently, at least 30 days prior to the expiration of a special identification card for a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, DOT must mail to the last-known address of the cardholder a renewal application. Under this bill, DOT may provide this application by electronic mail.

Also under current law, no person may operate or knowingly permit the operation of a motor vehicle if the registration for that vehicle is suspended, revoked or canceled. It is a defense to an alleged violation of this provision that the person did not know, and had no reason to know, that the registration was suspended, revoked, or canceled at the time of the violation. However, refusal to accept or failure to receive an order of suspension, revocation or cancellation mailed by DOT to the person's last-known address is not a defense to a violation of this provision. This bill provides that a refusal to accept or failure to receive an order of suspension, revocation, or cancellation provided by DOT by electronic mail to the person's last-known electronic mail address is also not a defense.

Currently, DOT is required to notify certain motor vehicle owners by mail that an emissions inspection must be performed. Under this bill, if the vehicle owner desires, DOT may notify these owners by electronic means.

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. 85.145 of the statutes is created to read:

85.145 Materials provided by electronic mail. (1) Notwithstanding ss. 341.08 (4m) and 343.51 (2) (c), the department may provide by electronic mail any notices or materials that are required to be mailed under s. 341.08 (4m) or 343.51 (2) (c).

(2) Notwithstanding s. 341.03 (3) (a) 2., a refusal to accept or failure to receive an order of suspension, revocation, or cancellation provided by the department by electronic mail to the person's last-known electronic mail address is not a defense to a violation of s. 341.03 (1).

SECTION 2. 110.20 (9) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

110.20 (9) (g) Prescribe a procedure for remote sensing of not less than 0.5 percent of nonexempt vehicles and, for such vehicles that grossly exceed applicable emission limitations, as determined by the department, notifying vehicle owners by mail or, if desired by the vehicle owner, by any electronic means offered by the department that an emissions inspection must be performed under sub. (6) (a) 4.

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