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## 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:

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

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

- (2) If any person is charged with a violation of sub. (1), the secretary of revenue shall notify each taxpayer whose return or claim was improperly inspected by that person.
- 11 (3) Any person who is notified under sub. (2) may bring an action for damages 12 in regard to the inspection.

1	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 71.83 (2) (a) 3m. of the statutes is created to read:
2	71.83 (2) (a) 3m. 'Browsing in records.' Any person who violates s. $71.78$ (1m)
3	shall upon conviction be fined not less than \$100 nor more than $\$500$ or imprisoned
4	for not less than one month nor more than 6 months or both.
5	(END)