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2023 Wisconsin Act 57 [2023 Senate Bill 35]

Emergency Contact Records Maintained by the Department of Transportation

2023 Wisconsin Act 57 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT), as part of every application for an original, duplicate, reinstated, reissued, or renewal driver's license or endorsement, to inquire whether the applicant wants to provide emergency contact information. For this purpose, emergency contact information must include the emergency contact's full name, residential address, telephone number, and relationship to the applicant.

The act directs DOT to make a form on which a vehicle registrant or driver's license applicant may voluntarily provide emergency contact information to the department available on its internet site and at each local examining center. If an applicant provides emergency contact information, DOT must record that information in its file for the person. DOT must also provide a method for a law enforcement agency that reasonably identifies a person to electronically request and automatically receive the emergency contact information recorded in the person's file. The act prohibits DOT from disclosing the emergency contact of an individual who provides that information, except to that individual or law enforcement.

Effective date: June 1, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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