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2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 56

March 4, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives Petryk, Kerkman, Tittl, Weatherston, Spiros, Tranel, Murphy, T. Larson, Ohnstad, A. Ott, Kahl, Bies, Marklein, Brooks, Pridemore, J. Ott, Ringhand, Kaufert, Ripp, Sinicki, Endsley, Krug, Bernier, Schraa, Petersen and Jacque, cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Petrowski, Carpenter, Hansen, Grothman, Lazich, Olsen and Lasee. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT to renumber 343.17 (6); to amend 343.50 (4); and to create 45.03 (13)

(o), 343.14 (2) (j), 343.17 (3) (a) 15., 343.17 (6) (b) and 343.50 (3) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** indication of veteran status on an operator's license or identification card and granting rule–making authority.

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 (DOT) to indicate whether he or she is a veteran and whether he or she wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license or card. If an applicant indicates that he or she is a veteran who wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license or card and provides verification from the Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is a veteran, DOT must provide an indication of the person's veteran status on the front side of the license or card.

This bill also allows DOT to promulgate rules establishing veteran disability rating codes to assist in identifying persons that are eligible for benefits programs and requiring that a license or identification card that contains a veteran indication also include a veteran disability rating code.

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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. 45.03 (13) (o) of the statutes is created to read:

45.03 (13) (o) Provide verification to the department of transportation of the information required under s. 343.14 (2) (j).

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

343.14 (2) (j) A statement as to whether the applicant is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), and, if so, whether the applicant wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license or identification card. If the applicant has indicated that he or she is a veteran and wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license or identification card, the applicant shall provide verification from the department of veterans affairs that the applicant is a veteran.

SECTION 3. 343.17 (3) (a) 15. of the statutes is created to read:

343.17 (3) (a) 15. If the person is a veteran, has indicated that he or she wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license, and has provided the verification required under s. 343.14 (2) (j), an indication that the person is a veteran.

SECTION 4. 343.17 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 343.17 (6) (a).

Section 5. 343.17 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

343.17 **(6)** (b) The department may promulgate rules establishing veteran disability rating codes to assist in identifying persons eligible for benefits programs and requiring that a license document or identification card that contains a veteran indication under sub. (3) (a) 15. or s. 343.50 (3) (a) include a veteran disability rating code.

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Section 6. 343.50 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

343.50 (3) (am) Notwithstanding par. (a), if the department promulgates rules under s. 343.17 (6) (b), a card that contains a veteran indication shall include a veteran disability rating code.

Section 7. 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), and (es), and (j), 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 8. Initial applicability.

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

SECTION 9. Effective date.

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

23 (END)