



## 2013 SENATE BILL 45

February 28, 2013 - Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM, PETROWSKI, CARPENTER, HANSEN, GROTHMAN, LAZICH, OLSEN and LASEE, cosponsored 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 and PETERSEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to renumber** 343.17 (6); **to amend** 343.50 (4); and **to create** 45.03 (13)  
2           (o), 343.14 (2) (j), 343.17 (3) (a) 15., 343.17 (6) (b) and 343.50 (3) (am) of the  
3           statutes; **relating to:** indication of veteran status on an operator's license or  
4           identification card and granting rule-making authority.

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### *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.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 45.03 (13) (o) of the statutes is created to read:

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

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

5           343.14 (2) (j) A statement as to whether the applicant is a veteran, as defined  
6 in s. 45.01 (12), and, if so, whether the applicant wishes to have his or her veteran  
7 status indicated on the license or identification card. If the applicant has indicated  
8 that he or she is a veteran and wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on  
9 the license or identification card, the applicant shall provide verification from the  
10 department of veterans affairs that the applicant is a veteran.

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

12           343.17 (3) (a) 15. If the person is a veteran, has indicated that he or she wishes  
13 to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license, and has provided the  
14 verification required under s. 343.14 (2) (j), an indication that the person is a veteran.

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

16           **SECTION 5.** 343.17 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

17           343.17 (6) (b) The department may promulgate rules establishing veteran  
18 disability rating codes to assist in identifying persons eligible for benefits programs  
19 and requiring that a license document or identification card that contains a veteran  
20 indication under sub. (3) (a) 15. or s. 343.50 (3) (a) include a veteran disability rating  
21 code.

