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ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED UI LAW CHANGE

Provide DWD-UI Access to DMV Records based on Search by SSN Field only

1. Description of Proposed Change

In order to better collect from debtors, we need a faster way to search for a newer address for claimants and taxpayers using information from DOT/DMV database of driver's license information. We currently have a data sharing agreement, but we need to expand access for the sake of efficiency by allowing a look up of citizens by their Social Security numbers.

2. Proposed Statutory Language

Amend 341.51(4g)(b) as follows:

(b) The department of transportation may not disclose any information obtained under sub. (4) (am) or (ar) to any person except to the department of children and families for the sole purpose of administering s. 49.22, the department of workforce development for enforcing or administering s. 108, or the department of revenue for the sole purpose of requesting certifications under s. 73.0301.

3. Proposer's Reason for the Change

Currently, it is difficult to look up debtor's information using DOT's PARS system, which replaced the mainframe's file handler DHAS database. We used to be able to enter name fields and get a list of all citizens with that name and then get their driver's license number of the person we were trying to find. Now all fields on the web based PARS system need to be entered otherwise there is "no match found." Having a search by SSN only would eliminate these problems as both DOT and DWD capture SSN.

4. Brief History and Background of Current Provision

As stated above, the mainframe system was much less difficult in providing us information. Since DOT moved to a web based lookup and has provided us access within data share agreements, we have had access in the past and the Department is limited now by the web based system. We were told by our security officer for DWD that adding a SSN field was no problem, however, DOT was bound by their statute 341.51 which only has DCF and DOR accounted for in a search by SSN.

5. Effects of Proposed Change

- a. Administrative Impact. We'd have an easier time finding debtors.
- b. Fiscal. No fiscal impact on reserve fund or effort from DWD. DOT would have to just supply us with this search field based on SSN through security roles. This change will allow for UI personnel to more quickly perform searches they are already performing. Since the searches are already being done, albeit in a more time consuming manner, this will not have an effect on the Trust Fund balance.

6. State and Federal Issues

- a. Chapter 108. Since the proposed change affects Wis. Stat. §341.51 that deals with Department of Transportation access of records, there should not be a need for any amendments to Chapter 108.
- b. Rules. No administrative rules will need to be promulgated or changed as a result of this proposal.
- c. Conformity. None.

7. Proposed Effective/Applicability Date

The law change should be effective as of the effective date of the legislation.