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

SECTION 1. Legislative findings and purpose. The legislature finds that the state capitol is the state’s most significant public building and one of the most significant architectural features of the state. This act is enacted as a matter of statewide concern to preserve, promote and enhance the view of the state capitol and to provide a proper setting for the center of state government.

SECTION 2. 16.842 of the statutes is created to read:
16.842 State capitol view preservation. (1) Except as authorized under this section, no portion of any building or structure located within one mile of the center of the state capitol building may exceed the elevation of 1,032.8 feet above sea level as established by the U.S. coast and geodetic survey.
(2) This section does not apply to any building or structure erected prior to the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date].
(3) The city of Madison may grant exceptions to the application of sub. (1) for flagpoles, communications towers, church spires, elevator penthouses, screened air conditioning equipment or chimneys, subject to approval of any plan commission created under s. 62.23 (1).

SECTION 3. 16.94 of the statutes is renumbered 16.844.