## ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 367

October 23, 1997 - Offered by Committee on Consumer Affairs.

AN ACT to create 134.42 (2) (f) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting certain billing practices by cable television companies.

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

Section 1. 134.42 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:
134.42 (2) (f) 1. A cable operator may not impose on a subscriber a late payment charge or an administrative fee for late payment unless all of the following apply:
a. The service period to which the bill relates has begun.
b. The cable operator mails the bill to the subscriber at least 30 days before the late charge or fee is imposed.
2. No late payment charge or administrative fee for late payment that may be imposed under subd. 1. may be greater than $\$ 2.50$ for each month for which the charge or fee may be imposed.

Section 2. Initial applicability.
(1) This act first applies to a bill for cable service that is sent to a subscriber on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after the effective date of this subsection. (END)

