



## 2009 SENATE BILL 237

July 6, 2009 - Introduced by Senator KEDZIE. Referred to Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 100.305 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** the governor's  
2           certification of an abnormal economic disruption.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, no person may sell consumer goods or services at unreasonably excessive prices if the governor, by executive order, has certified that the state or a part of the state is in a period of abnormal economic disruption. Current law does not specify a procedure for the governor's issuance of an executive order to trigger the prohibition of unreasonably excessive prices.

This bill specifies that the governor may trigger the prohibition of unreasonably excessive prices only by issuing an executive order under current provisions that generally describe the governor's emergency management duties. As a result, under the bill, the governor may issue such an executive order only upon determining that an emergency exists as a result of enemy action or natural or man-made disaster. The duration of the executive order is limited to 60 days if the emergency results from enemy action, or 30 days if the emergency results from a natural or man-made disaster, except that the duration may be extended by joint resolution of the legislature.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 100.305 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

**SENATE BILL 237****SECTION 1**

1           100.305 (2) PROHIBITION. No seller may sell, or offer to sell, in this state at  
2           wholesale or at retail, consumer goods or services at unreasonably excessive prices  
3           if the governor, by executive order under s. 166.03 (1) (b) 1., has certified that the  
4           state or a part of the state is in a period of abnormal economic disruption.

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