



2001 SENATE BILL 394

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 196.14 of the statutes; **relating to:** withholding from public
2 inspection information about public utility security.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a state governmental entity, such as the public service commission (PSC) or a municipality, is required to permit a requester to inspect the records of the entity. This bill creates another exception for the PSC and municipalities. Under the bill, the PSC is required to withhold from public inspection any information related to security measures taken by a public utility to protect the safety of the public utility's plant, equipment, employees, or customers. Also, a municipality that owns or operates a public utility must withhold from public inspection similar information regarding the public utility.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 196.14 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **196.14 Public record exception.** The commission may withhold from public
5 inspection any information which that would aid a competitor of a public utility in
6 competition with the public utility. The commission shall withhold from public

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1 inspection any information related to security measures taken by a public utility to
2 protect the safety of the public utility's plant, equipment, employees, or customers.

3 A municipality that owns or operates a public utility shall withhold from public
4 inspection any information related to security measures taken to protect the safety
5 of the plant, equipment, employees, or customers of the public utility.

6 (END)