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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 229

August 29, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives HONADEL, BROOKS, CRAIG, KOOYENGA, MARKLEIN, MURSAU, PETERSEN, RIVARD and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senator GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

AN ACT ***to repeal*** 196.97 of the statutes; **relating to:** repealing a prohibition on certain nonessential uses of natural gas.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

With certain exceptions, current law prohibits any person, including a gas utility doing business in this state, from installing or connecting to a distribution system any device that constitutes a nonessential use of natural gas. Current law requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to specify by rule the criteria for determining what constitutes such a nonessential use for purposes of the prohibition. Current law also allows the PSC to provide for exemptions from the prohibition for reasons of health, safety, or unusual hardship. The PSC has promulgated the required rule as section PSC 136.05, Wis. Adm. Code.

This bill repeals the prohibition and related requirements, including the PSC's rule–making authority regarding the prohibition.

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

SECTION 1. 196.97 of the statutes is repealed.

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