

1981 Senate Bill 521

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## CHAPTER 179 , Laws of 1981

AN ACT to renumber and amend 196.635; and to create 196.635 (1) and (3) of the statutes, relating to customer liability for unbilled utility service.

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

SECTION 1. 196.635 of the statutes is renumbered 196.635 (intro.) and amended to read:

**196.635 Unbilled utility service.** (intro.) All ~~residential~~ service supplied by a public utility must be billed within 2 years of such service. No customer shall be liable for unbilled ~~residential~~ service 2 years after the date of such the service unless ~~the customer obtained the service through fraud or deception.~~

SECTION 2. 196.635 (1) and (3) of the statutes are created to read:

196.635 (1) The utility made a reasonable effort to measure the service, but the customer did not allow the utility access to any device, including but not limited to a meter, necessary to measure service.

(3) The customer obtained the service by fraud or deception, including but not limited to theft or tampering with any device, including but not limited to a meter, necessary to measure service.

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