



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 863

March 8, 2000 - Introduced by Representatives BLACK, MILLER, HEBL, RICHARDS, RYBA, BOYLE, J. LEHMAN, WILLIAMS and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Information Policy.

1 **AN ACT to create** 100.209 (2) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting certain
2 billing practices by cable television companies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, a cable television service operator may not include a late fee in a customer's bill unless the service period to which the bill relates has begun and unless the operator mails the bill to the customer at least 30 days before the late fee goes into effect. Also under the bill, a late fee may not be greater than \$2.50 per month.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 100.209 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:
4 100.209 (2) (f) 1. A cable operator may not impose on a subscriber a late
5 payment charge or an administrative fee for late payment unless all of the following
6 apply:
7 a. The service period to which the bill relates has begun.

