



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 966

February 29, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives DUFF, HANSON, ALBERS, R. YOUNG and BOCK, cosponsored by Senators COWLES and BURKE. Referred to Committee on Environment and Utilities.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 196.745 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** facilities for the  
2 production, transmission or distribution of gas.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a public utility that owns, operates, manages or controls a facility for the production, transmission or distribution of gas is required to construct, operate and maintain the facility in a reasonably adequate and safe manner. Current law also provides for a public complaint process regarding unsafe facilities and authorizes the public service commission to investigate the facilities and, after notice and a hearing, to issue orders or promulgate rules regarding the safe construction and operation of these facilities. This bill amends these provisions to apply to all facilities for the production, transmission or distribution of gas, regardless of whether they are operated, managed or controlled by a public utility.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 196.745 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **196.745 (1)** ~~Each public utility which~~ A person who owns, operates, manages  
5 or controls any facility for the production, transmission or distribution of gas shall  
6 construct, operate and maintain the facility in a reasonably adequate and safe  
7 manner. The commission may issue orders or rules, after holding a hearing,

1 requiring the construction and operation of the facility to be safe, and may revise the  
2 orders or rules as required to promote public safety. Upon complaint to the  
3 commission that a facility of a public utility is unsafe, the commission may proceed  
4 under s. 196.26 or 196.28 (1). Those sections, as they apply to a public utility, apply  
5 to a person under this subsection. After holding a hearing the commission shall order  
6 any alteration in construction, maintenance or operation required in the interest of  
7 public safety.

8 (END)