



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL AB-367

May 20, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives BLACK, MUSSER, R. YOUNG, J. LEHMAN, NOTESTEIN, BOCK, BOYLE, ROBSON, MURAT and L. YOUNG, cosponsored by Senator CLAUSING. Referred to Committee on Consumer Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 134.42 (2) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting certain  
2            billing practices by cable television companies.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under this bill, a cable television service provider may not impose a late fee or finance charge on a customer unless the service period to which the bill relates is concluded and unless the provider reasonably believes that the subscriber received the bill at least one month before payment is due. Also under the bill, no late payment charge or finance charge may be greater than 7% of the amount of the bill.

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

3            **SECTION 1.** 134.42 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:  
4            134.42 **(2)** (f) 1. A cable operator may not impose on a subscriber a late payment  
5            charge or a finance charge unless all of the following apply:  
6            a. The service period to which the bill relates is concluded.  
7            b. The cable operator reasonably believes that the subscriber received the bill  
8            at least one month before payment is due.

