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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ~~1997~~ ASSEMBLY BILL 367**

October 23, 1997 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

1999 Bill

1 AN ACT <sup>Herb Cost</sup> to create 134.42 (2) (f) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting certain  
2 billing practices by cable television companies.

IN SENATE

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

3 <sup>100.209</sup> SECTION 1. ~~134.42~~ (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

4 <sup>100.209</sup> ~~134.42~~ (2) (f) 1. A cable operator may not impose on a subscriber a late payment  
5 charge or <sup>set</sup> an administrative fee for late payment unless all of the following apply:

- 6 a. The service period to which the bill relates has begun.
- 7 b. The cable operator mails the bill to the subscriber at least 30 days before the  
8 late charge or fee is imposed.

9 2. No late payment charge or administrative fee for late payment that may be  
10 imposed under subd. 1. may be greater than \$2.50 for each <sup>service</sup> month for which the  
11 charge or fee may be imposed.

12 SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

1 . (1) **This act first applies to a bill for cable service that is sent to a subscriber**  
2 **on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.**

3 (END)

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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, ~~no~~ late fee may be greater than \$2.50 per month.

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I have included the term “an administrative fee for late payment” in this bill because it was included in the substitute amendment from last session. However, I do so reluctantly because I do not know whether, or how, it is distinguishable from a late payment charge. The phrase is not used in the administrative rules regulating cable TV providers, and it is not used in the statutes. Let me know if you want to delete the phrase.

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February 9, 1999

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**SUBMITTAL  
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU  
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561  
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and **sign** on the appropriate line(s) below.

**Date:** 2/9/99

**To:** Representative Black

**Relating to LRB drafting number:** LRB-0870

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1. JACKET the draft for introduction \_\_\_\_\_



**in the Senate or the Assembly** \_\_\_\_\_ (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. REDRAFT. See the changes indicated or attached \_\_\_\_\_

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW, prior to introduction \_\_\_\_\_

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-356 1. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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