

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 929

March 14, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives SHILLING, SCHOOFF, TURNER, J. LEHMAN and MILLER, cosponsored by Senator GROBSCHMIDT. Referred to Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology.

1     **AN ACT to create** 560.055 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring the department  
2           of commerce to develop a broadband Internet service provider map and  
3           database and granting rule-making authority.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the department of commerce (department) to develop, maintain, and keep current a database that identifies all the broadband Internet service providers that are available to a member of the public or consumer in this state based on the member's or consumer's location and the cost of the different broadband Internet services that are available to a member of the public or consumer. "Broadband Internet service provider" is defined as a governmental or private provider of "broadband Internet service," which is defined as a service that provides access to the Internet through a technology other than analog technology.

The bill also requires the department to develop, maintain, and keep current a map that identifies all the broadband Internet service providers that are available to a member of the public or consumer in this state, but only if the department determines that it is practicable to develop and maintain such a map and that the map would provide beneficial information to members of the public or consumer in this state.

The bill also requires the department to make the map and database available to the public at no cost, including by making them available over the Internet. Finally, the bill requires the department to promulgate rules that require broadband Internet service providers to supply the department with any information necessary for the department to carry out its duties under the bill.

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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:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 560.055 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **560.055 Broadband Internet information. (1)** In this section:

3           (a) “Broadband Internet service” means a service that provides access to the  
4 Internet through a technology other than analog technology.

5           (b) “Broadband Internet service provider” means a governmental or private  
6 provider of broadband Internet service.

7           **(2)** The department shall do all of the following:

8           (a) Develop, maintain, and keep current a database that identifies all the  
9 broadband Internet service providers that are available to a member of the public or  
10 consumer in this state based on the member’s or consumer’s location and the cost of  
11 the different broadband Internet services offered by such broadband Internet service  
12 providers.

13           (b) Develop, maintain, and keep current a map that identifies all the broadband  
14 Internet service providers that are available to a member of the public or consumer  
15 in this state based on the member’s or consumer’s location, if the department  
16 determines that it is practicable to develop, maintain, and keep current such a map  
17 and if the map would provide beneficial information to members of the public or  
18 consumers in this state.

19           (c) Make the database under par. (a) and any map under par. (b) available to  
20 the public at no cost, including by making the database and map available over the  
21 Internet.

