2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 587

October 15, 2003 - Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

AN ACT to create 100.2065 of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting persons who provide broadcast and cable television services from transmitting programming that is encrypted in a certain manner.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the provider of any broadcast audio or video service or any cable television telecommunications service from transmitting from this state any programming that is encrypted in a manner that prevents the recipient of the programming from recording the programming for the recipient's personal use. Current federal law specifies the extent to which a recipient may record programming for personal use.

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

SECTION 1. 100.2065 of the statutes is created to read:

100.2065 Encryption of audio and video programming prohibited. (1)

In this section:

(a) “Broadcast service” has the meaning given in s. 196.01 (1m).
(b) “Cable television service” has the meaning given s. 196.01 (1p).

(2) No person who provides a broadcast service or a cable television service may transmit from this state any programming that is encrypted in a manner that prevents the recipient of the programming from recording the programming for the recipient’s personal use to the extent permitted under federal law.

(END)