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Senate

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Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs

Senate Bill 373

Relating to: prohibiting charging grossly excessive prices for consumer goods and services and providing a penalty.

By Senators Hansen, Decker, Carpenter, Taylor, Lassa, Risser and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Zepnick, Lehman, Shilling, Seidel, Sheridan, Pocan, Sinicki and Toles, by request of Attorney General Peggy A. Lautenschlager.

October 10, 2005 Referred to Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs.

May 4, 2006 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

James Michel
Committee Clerk

SENATE BILL 373 (LRB -3681)

An Act to amend 100.26 (4m); and to create 100.54 of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting charging grossly excessive prices for consumer goods and services and providing a penalty.

2005

- 10-10. S. Introduced by Senators **Hansen, Decker, Carpenter, Taylor, Lassa, Risser and Erpenbach**; cosponsored by Representatives **Zepnick, Lehman, Shilling, Seidel, Sheridan, Pocan, Sinicki and Toles**, by request of Attorney General Peggy A. Lautenschlager.
- 10-10. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs 391
- 11-16. S. Fiscal estimate received.

2006

- 04-25. S. Refused to suspend rules to withdraw from committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs and take up, Ayes 15, Noes 17 789
- 05-11. S. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1 853





WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

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March 31, 2006

Hon. Senator Ted Kanavas, Chair
Committee on Job Creation,
Economic Development and Consumer Affairs
Room 10 South
State Capitol

Dear Senator Kanavas,

I am writing today to urge you to schedule a hearing and executive action on Senate Bill 373, which would create the crime of price gouging in the State Statutes.

As you know under current state law price gouging is not a crime. As a result we have little recourse when consumers are taken advantage of by those who would exploit natural or economic disasters for their own financial gain. This is a major hole in state law which needs to be addressed.

The vast majority of business owners are law-abiding, decent members of our communities. As such this bill is not aimed at them, but rather those who would take undue advantage of others at the retail or wholesale level. Those who would prey upon people in desperate times are beneath contempt but should not be above the law. Instead, there should be suitable penalties on the books that will both punish and deter this type of behavior.

Senate Bill 373 would provide that protection. This bill would give the Attorney General the power to prosecute these unscrupulous businesses that seek to profit on the misery of other by fining them up to \$10,000 for each violation.

I respectfully request that Senate Bill 373 be given a public hearing so we can take the necessary steps toward this much-needed updating of Wisconsin's consumer protection laws.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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State Senator

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