2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 684

November 29, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senator FEYEN. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection.

AN ACT to create 100.70 of the statutes; relating to: requiring certain provisions in leases and servicing agreements for copiers or printers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, a lease for a copier or printer is void and unenforceable unless it contains the cost to purchase, upgrade, or return the copier or printer and to renew the lease, and the formulas used to calculate these costs; and a statement that the lessor will respond within five business days of receiving a lessee’s request to purchase, upgrade, or return the copier or printer or to renew the lease. Under the bill, a copier or printer servicing agreement that includes normal or customary parts is void and unenforceable unless it contains a reasonable length of time during which the parts will be available.

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

SECTION 1. 100.70 of the statutes is created to read:

100.70  Leases and servicing agreements for copiers and printers. A lease or servicing agreement for an electronic device that is capable of copying or printing paper documents is void and unenforceable unless it contains all of the following:
(1) For a lease, the cost to the lessee to purchase, upgrade, or return the copier or printer and to renew the lease, and the formulas that the lessor uses to calculate those costs.

(2) For a lease, a statement that the lessor will respond to the lessee within 5 business days after receiving a lessee's request to purchase, upgrade, or return the copier or printer or to renew the lease.

(3) For a servicing agreement that includes normal or customary parts, a reasonable length of time during which the servicer expects replacement parts to be available.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 100.70 of the statutes first applies to a lease entered into, modified, renewed, or extended on the effective date of this subsection.