



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1824/P1  
MDK:jek

DOA:.....LeRoy, BB0333 - Eliminate stray voltage program

**FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION**

This bill eliminates a requirement under current law for the PSC to establish and administer a program for regulation, education, inspection, and investigation related to stray voltage. The bill also eliminates the PSC's authority to impose assessments on certain large electric utilities to fund the program and to charge fees for services provided under the program. In addition, the bill eliminates DATCP's duties related to the program, including the requirement to impose annual fees on rural electric cooperatives to fund those duties.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.115 (3) (j) of the statutes is repealed.

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 20.115 (3) (jm) of the statutes is repealed.

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**SECTION 3.** 20.155 (1) (L) of the statutes is repealed.

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**SECTION 4.** 20.155 (1) (Lb) of the statutes is repealed.

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**SECTION 5.** 93.41 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 6.** 196.857 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 7.** 904.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

904.15 (1) Except as provided under sub. (2), no oral or written communication made in the course of providing or receiving advice or counseling under s. 93.51 or in providing or receiving assistance under s. ~~93.41~~ or 93.52 is admissible in evidence or subject to discovery or compulsory process in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

**SECTION 8.** 904.15 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

904.15 (2) (b) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person receiving advice or counseling under s. 93.51 or assistance under s. ~~93.41~~ or 93.52 consents to admission or discovery of the communication.

(END)