

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1599/P2 EHS:cdc&amn

DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0377 - Utility rate affordability and rate equity

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau STATE GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATIONS

Recovery of cost of low-income assistance programs

Under current law, a public utility must charge rates that are just and reasonable. The bill provides that it is not unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory for a public utility to implement low-income assistance programs if approved in a rate case in which PSC reviewed the program eligibility criteria and program credits or rebates and if that cost is incorporated in the public utility's published schedules or tariffs.

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

Section 1. 196.37 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

196.37 (7) It is not unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory for a public utility to implement low-income assistance programs if approved in a rate case in which the

commission reviewed the program eligibility criteria and program credits or rebates and if that cost is incorporated in the public utility's published schedules or tariffs.

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