



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 106

Assembly Amendment 1

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2013 Assembly Bill 106 prohibits the release of “customer information” by a municipal utility unless the customer consents to the release of the information or if another exception applies. **Assembly Amendment 1** adds an exception for the release of customer information by a municipal utility to an owner of a rental dwelling unit to whom the municipal utility provides notice of past-due charges pursuant to s. 66.0809 (5), Stats.

The other exceptions to the general prohibition against disclosure of customer information by municipal utilities under the bill include the release of customer information to:

- Agents, vendors, partners, or affiliates of the municipal utility that are engaged to perform any services or functions for or on behalf of the municipal utility.
- Transmission and distribution utilities and operators within whose geographic service territory the customer is located.
- The PSC or any person whom the PSC authorizes by order or rule to receive the customer information.
- Any person who is otherwise authorized by law to receive the customer information.

The bill defines “customer information” as any information received from customers which serves to identify customers individually by usage or account status. The bill also provides that customer information is not subject to disclosure under the state’s open records law.

Bill History

On April 30, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 to 2013 Assembly Bill 106 and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 8; and Noes, 0.

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