

1979 Assembly Bill 683

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CHAPTER 19, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to amend 16.955 (1) of the statutes, relating to energy supply information, granting the governor temporary energy emergency powers and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 16.955 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.955 (1) INFORMATION. If the governor determines that a disruption of energy supplies poses a serious risk to the economic well-being, health or welfare of the citizens of this state, the governor may issue an order declaring an energy alert. Upon declaration of an energy ~~emergency~~ alert by the governor, the department may issue general or special orders, as defined in s. 101.01 (1) (f), or emergency rules under ch. 227 to compel disclosure of information required for purposes of this section. Any person, or agent of the person, who produces, imports or sells, coal or other forms of fuel, other than electricity, natural gas or wood, who is subject to an emergency rule or general or special order of the department within reasonable time limits specified in the order shall file or furnish such reports, information, data, copies of extracts of originals as the department deems necessary relating to existing and future energy supplies, including but not limited to record of sales in years for 1970 and thereafter, storage capacity, supplies on hand and anticipated supplies, and anticipated demand. To the extent that the reports and data requested by the department are presently available from other state or federal agencies, the department shall coordinate its data reporting requirements with the agencies to avoid duplication of reporting. ~~In this subsection, "energy emergency" has the meaning given under s. 115.01 (21).~~

SECTION 2. **Energy emergency.** Prior to July 1, 1981, the governor may issue an order declaring that an energy emergency exists throughout this state or in one or more counties. Any such county shall be designated in the order. Any order issued by the governor under this section shall include a plan which may take effect immediately. The governor shall publish the plan as a class 1 notice under section 985.07 (1) of the statutes and shall provide for the implementation of the plan. Starting on the day after the plan is published, any person who violates a plan in effect under this section shall be subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$200. No order by the governor under this section may be in effect for more than 120 days.