

1989 Assembly Bill 352

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1989 WISCONSIN ACT 143

AN ACT to create 66.085 of the statutes, **relating to:** prohibiting interference with a multiunit dwelling resident's access to cable television service.

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

SECTION 1. 66.085 of the statutes is created to read:

66.085 Access to cable service. (1) DEFINITIONS. (a) "Cable operator" has the meaning given in s. 66.082 (2) (b).

(b) "Cable service" has the meaning given in s. 66.082 (2) (c).

(2) INTERFERENCE PROHIBITED. The owner or manager of a multiunit dwelling under common ownership, control or management or the association or board of directors of a condominium may not prevent a cable operator from providing cable service to a subscriber who is a resident of the multiunit dwelling or of the condominium or interfere with a cable operator providing cable service to a subscriber who is a resident of the multiunit dwelling or of the condominium.

(3) INSTALLATION IN MULTIUNIT BUILDING. Before installation, a cable operator shall consult with the owner or manager of a multiunit dwelling or with the association or board of directors of a condominium to establish the points of attachment to the building and the methods of wiring. A cable operator shall install facilities to provide cable service in a safe and orderly manner and in a manner designed to minimize adverse effects to the aesthetics of the multiunit dwelling or condominium. Facilities installed to provide cable service may not impair public safety, damage fire protection systems or impair fire-resistive construction or components of a multiunit dwelling or condominium.

(4) REPAIR RESPONSIBILITY. A cable operator shall be responsible for any repairs to a building required because of the construction, installation, disconnection or servicing of facilities to provide cable service.
