



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 426

September 12, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives STEFFEN, FIELDS, BORN, GUNDRUM, KUGLITSCH, KULP, RODRIGUEZ, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, TUSLER and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, BEWLEY, NASS, OLSEN and SCHACHTNER. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 943.01 (2k) (a) 1. a., 943.01 (2k) (a) 3., 943.143 (1) (a) 1. a.,
2 943.143 (1) (a) 3. and 943.143 (1) (b); and *to create* 943.01 (2k) (a) 6., 943.01
3 (2k) (c), 943.143 (1) (a) 6. and 943.143 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:**
4 trespassing on the property of an energy provider and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, it is a Class H felony to trespass on the property of an energy provider and a Class I felony to cause damage to the property of an energy provider if the actor intended to or caused an interruption or impairment of services provided by the energy provider. Under this bill, the definition of “energy provider” is expanded to include a company that operates a gas, oil, petroleum, refined petroleum product, renewable fuel, or chemical generation, storage transportation, or delivery system.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 943.01 (2k) (a) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 943.01 (2k) (a) 1. a. The production, transmission, delivery, or furnishing of
2 heat, power, ~~or light, or water.~~

3 **SECTION 2.** 943.01 (2k) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 943.01 (2k) (a) 3. A cooperative association organized under ch. 185 for the
5 purpose of producing or furnishing heat, light, ~~or power, or water~~ for its members.

6 **SECTION 3.** 943.01 (2k) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

7 943.01 (2k) (a) 6. A company that operates a gas, oil, petroleum, refined
8 petroleum product, renewable fuel, water, or chemical generation, storage
9 transportation, or delivery system.

10 **SECTION 4.** 943.01 (2k) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

11 943.01 (2k) (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply to any of the following:

12 1. Any person who is:

13 a. Monitoring compliance with public or worker safety laws, wage and hour
14 requirements, or other statutory requirements.

15 b. Engaging in picketing occurring at the workplace that is otherwise lawful
16 and arises out of a bona fide labor dispute including any controversy concerning any
17 of the following: wages or salaries; hour; working conditions; benefits, including
18 welfare, sick leave, insurance, pension or retirement provisions; or the managing or
19 maintenance of collective bargaining agreements and the terms to be included in
20 those agreements.

21 c. Engaged in union organizing or recruitment activities that is otherwise
22 lawful including attempting to reach workers verbally, in writing, and in the
23 investigation of non-union working conditions.

24 2. An exercise of a person's right of free speech or assembly that is otherwise
25 lawful.

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1 **SECTION 5.** 943.143 (1) (a) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 943.143 (1) (a) 1. a. The production, transmission, delivery, or furnishing of
3 heat, power, ~~or light,~~ or water.

4 **SECTION 6.** 943.143 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 943.143 (1) (a) 3. A cooperative association organized under ch. 185 for the
6 purpose of producing or furnishing heat, light, ~~or power,~~ or water for its members.

7 **SECTION 7.** 943.143 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

8 943.143 (1) (a) 6. A company that operates a gas, oil, petroleum, refined
9 petroleum product, renewable fuel, water, or chemical generation, storage
10 transportation, or delivery system.

11 **SECTION 8.** 943.143 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 943.143 (1) (b) “Energy provider property” means property that is part of an
13 electric ~~generation, distribution, or transmission system or part of a,~~ natural gas, oil,
14 petroleum, refined petroleum product, renewable fuel, water, or chemical
15 generation, transmission, or distribution system and that is owned, leased, or
16 operated by an energy provider.

17 **SECTION 9.** 943.143 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

18 943.143 (3) This section does not apply to any of the following:

19 (a) Any person who is:

20 1. Monitoring compliance with public or worker safety laws, wage and hour
21 requirements, or other statutory requirements.

22 2. Engaging in picketing occurring at the workplace that is otherwise lawful
23 and arises out of a bona fide labor dispute including any controversy concerning any
24 of the following: wages or salaries; hour; working conditions; benefits, including
25 welfare, sick leave, insurance, pension or retirement provisions; or the managing or

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1 maintenance of collective bargaining agreements and the terms to be included in
2 those agreements.

3 3. Engaging in union organizing or recruitment activities that are otherwise
4 lawful including attempting to reach workers verbally, in writing, and in the
5 investigation of non-union working conditions.

6 (b) An exercise of a person's right of free speech or assembly that is otherwise
7 lawful.

8 (END)