

The 2009 Equal Pay Enforcement Act was meant to deter employers from discriminating against certain groups by giving workers more avenues via which to press charges. Among other provisions, it allows individuals to plead their cases in the less costly, more accessible state circuit court system, rather than just in federal court. In November, the state Senate approved SB 202, which rolled back this provision. In February, the Assembly did the same. Earlier this month, Governor Scott Walker signed the bill and it is now called Act 219. Some have said it is a war on women....but one local lawmaker says no so fast.

Representative Steve Doyle, In La Crosse Tuesday, explained why men are effected by the act.

Doyle was joined by representative Jill Billings and State Seantor Jennifer Shilling on what's known across the country as Equal Pay Day. The day saw people holding rallies, wearing red to symbolize how women's wages are in the red, handing out Pay Day candy bars, and hosting bake sales with discounts for women.