

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1966

5 By: Representatives Chesterfield, Dobbins
6 By: Senators Brown, Steele
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPANIES PROVIDING CABLE
11 TELEVISION SERVICES IN ARKANSAS TO FULLY DISCLOSE
12 ALL FEES AT THE TIME A SERVICE IS REQUESTED OR
13 PROVIDED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 88, is amended to add a new
25 subchapter to read as follows.

26 4-88-601. Definitions.

27 (a) "Cable television company" means any franchised or licensed
28 company that provides cable television services for a fee to a cable
29 television subscriber in Arkansas;

30 (b) "Cable television services" means:

31 (1) The receipt and amplification of a signal broadcast by one
32 (1) or more television stations and the subsequent redistribution of the
33 signal by wire, cable, or other means to a cable television subscriber; or

34 (2) The distribution of any television signal, whether broadcast
35 or not, through a cable television company's antennae, poles, wires, cables,
36 conduits, or other property that is used to provide service to a cable



1 television subscriber; and

2 (c) "Cable television subscriber" means an Arkansas resident that
3 receives cable television services from a cable television company for a fee.

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5 4-88-602. Failure of cable television company to fully disclose
6 charges.

7 (a) Any cable company providing cable television services to the cable
8 television subscriber for a fee must fully disclose to the subscriber, at the
9 time a service is requested or provided, each fee associated with the
10 provision of each service for which the subscriber will be assessed a charge.

11 (b) The fees required to be disclosed under subsection (a) of this
12 section include any prorated fee, partial fee, tax, or any charge commonly
13 referred to as a "hidden charge".

14 (c) A violation of this section shall be enforceable by the Attorney
15 General under §§ 4-88-104 and 4-88-107 as a deceptive and unconscionable
16 trade practice.

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