

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
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2699

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5 By: Representative Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPANIES PROVIDING CABLE
10 TELEVISION SERVICES IN ARKANSAS TO FULLY DISCLOSE
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12 PROVIDED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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

25 4-88-701. Definitions.

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

29 (b) "Cable television services" means:

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

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



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

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4 4-88-702. Failure of cable television company to fully disclose
5 charges.

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

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

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