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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 195, L.D. 631, Bill, "An Act to Protect Consumers when Disconnecting Cable Television Services"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Protect Consumers of Cable Television'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3010, sub-§§1-A and 1-B are enacted to read:

1-A. Service disconnection. A franchisee must discontinue billing a consumer for a service within 10 working days after the consumer requests that service disconnection unless the consumer unreasonably hinders access by the franchisee to equipment of the franchisee on the premises of the consumer to which the franchisee must have access to complete the requested disconnection.

1-B. Hookup fees; limitations. A franchisee may not charge a fee for changing billing service from one party to another at the same installation location unless the billing service change requires a cable hookup or modification of the cable installation at the installation location. For purposes of this subsection, "installation location" means the residence or other location where the consumer's cable television is located.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment amends the title of the bill to make it better reflect the content of this amendment.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 The amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Under the
amendment, a cable television franchisee is required to
4 discontinue billing for a service within 10 days of a consumer
request to disconnect that service unless the consumer
6 unreasonably interferes with access by the franchisee to
equipment on the consumer's premises to which the franchisee must
8 have access to complete disconnection.

10 The amendment also prohibits hookup fees being charged when
the only change in service is a change in the party billed and
12 when there is no change required in the installation service.

Reported by Senator Vose for the Committee on Utilities.
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