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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1096, L.D. 1483, Bill, "An Act Regarding Cable Television"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 30-A MRSa §3010, sub-§6-B, as amended by PL 1993, c. 513, §1, is further amended to read:

**6-B. Late fees.** A cable television system operator may not charge a late fee or other penalty or charge for late payment of any bill that exceeds 1.5% per month of the amount due in the bill. ~~If a late fee is charged on more than one level of service, it must be calculated on the total dollar amount of such services, and may not be calculated separately on each service to which it applies and then cumulated.~~ If the bill includes separate charges for different levels of service, a late fee or other penalty or charge must be calculated on the total amount overdue for all levels of service and may not be calculated separately for each level of service. A payment is not late under this subsection until at least 30 45 days after those services to which the late fee applies have been received by the consumer.'

Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment amends language recently enacted that prohibits cable television operators from charging a penalty for late payment of a cable bill. This amendment clarifies that if a bill includes separate charges for different levels of service, a late fee must be calculated on the total amount overdue for all levels of service. This amendment also specifies that a payment is not late until 45 days after the services to which the late fee applies have been received by the consumer.

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