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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" 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 in excess of \$5 per month for late payment of any bill ~~that exceeds 1.5% per month regardless of the number of services or the total dollar amount due in the bill of provided services.~~ 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. 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

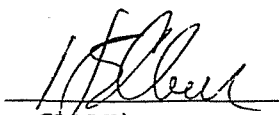
This amendment changes current law to prohibit cable television operators from charging a late fee in excess of \$5 per month, regardless of the dollar amount of the bill or the number

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of services provided. The amendment also changes the definition
of "late" from 30 days to 45 days after the services billed have
been received by the consumer.

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