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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 563, L.D. 1598, Bill, "An Act to Protect Cable Television Consumers from Excessive Late Fees"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6-B in the 5th and 6th lines (page 1, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the maximum amount established under Title 9-A, Part 2" and inserting in its place the following: '1.5% per month of the maximum amount established under Title 9-A, Part 2 due in the bill'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of the Attorney General will incur some minor additional costs to provide legal assistance to protect cable television consumers. These costs can be absorbed within the Department of the Attorney General's existing budgeted resources.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that the limitation on late fees associated with cable television services is 1.5% per month. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT