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HOUSE BILL 898

Short Title: Cable Television Late Fees.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative R. Hunter.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

April 18, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT LATE FEES CHARGED BY A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-137.1. Charges by cable television system for late payment.

(a) Subject to the limitations contained in subsection (b) of this section, a cable television system granted a franchise by a county may impose upon a person, firm, or corporation receiving cable television service a late payment charge.

(b) A cable television system may not impose a late payment charge:

(1) In excess of fifty cents (50¢) or one and one-half percent (1½%) of the amount past due, whichever is greater; or

(2) For any payment less than 30 days past due.

Except as provided by this section, a cable television system may not impose a charge as a result of late payment."

Sec. 2. Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 160A-319.1. Charges by cable television system for late payment.

(a) Subject to the limitations contained in subsection (b) of this section, a cable television system granted a franchise by a city may impose upon a person, firm, or corporation receiving cable television service a late payment charge.

(b) A cable television system may not impose a late payment charge:

(1) In excess of fifty cents (50¢) or one and one-half percent (1½%) of the amount past due, whichever is greater; or

1 (2) For any payment less than 30 days past due.

2 Except as provided by this section, a cable television system may not impose a charge
3 as a result of late payment."

4 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991, and applies to cable
5 television agreements entered into after that date.