



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 830

LCO No. 3675



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING A DISCOUNT FOR SENIOR CABLE TV SUBSCRIBERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-331q of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 [(a)] The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall not require a
4 company issued a certificate of cable franchise authority to comply
5 with any facility build-out requirements or provide community
6 antenna television service or video service to any customer using any
7 specific technology.

8 [(b) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall not impose any
9 provision regulating rates charged by a community antenna television
10 company holding a certificate of cable franchise authority, except as set
11 forth in federal law.]

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 16-331v of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
14 *1, 2019*):

15 (a) Except when otherwise required by federal law, a company
16 issued a certificate of cable franchise authority shall inform the Public
17 Utilities Regulatory Authority of any planned programming or rate
18 changes not less than thirty days before implementing such changes
19 unless (1) such changes are required by law to be made in less than
20 thirty days, or (2) in appropriate circumstances where a shorter notice
21 period is in the best interest of the company's subscribers. Except when
22 otherwise required by federal law, the Public Utilities Regulatory
23 Authority shall require a company issued a certificate of cable
24 franchise authority to provide a discount of not more than ten per cent
25 off the rate for basic service for any subscriber sixty-five years of age or
26 older.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	16-331g
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	16-331v(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To require cable television companies, within the extent permissible under federal law, to provide discounts on basic cable television rates for senior citizens.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]