



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5473

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* _____HB05473ET_____032812_____*

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ACCESS OPERATIONS AND THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF VIDEO PROVIDERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) The Public Utilities
2 Regulatory Authority shall initiate a docket to conduct a performance
3 review of every person, entity or company holding a certificate of
4 public convenience and necessity to provide community antenna
5 television service, a certificate of cable franchise authority or a
6 certificate of video franchise authority, as such terms are defined in
7 section 16-1 of the general statutes, to review the state of the industry
8 and to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of each such
9 certificate as applicable. The performance review may include, but not
10 be limited to, issues concerning customer service, management of
11 outages, service to handicapped and low-income customers,
12 cooperation with the authority and such person's, entity's or
13 company's funding and budget. After the initial review required
14 pursuant to this section, the authority shall conduct subsequent
15 reviews every five years. Said docket shall not be a contested case. The
16 Attorney General and the Office of Consumer Counsel may participate
17 in said docket. On or before January 1, 2014, the authority shall submit
18 a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
19 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and

21 technology, of the findings of said docket, including any
22 recommended legislative changes. The authority may issue any
23 applicable order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions
24 of each such certificate.

25 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) Any company or nonprofit
26 organization, including any municipality, responsible for community
27 access operations that receives funds pursuant to subsection (k) of
28 section 16-331a of the general statutes, may use such funds for the
29 creation and development, including, but not limited to, labor and staff
30 expenses, of town-specific community access programming.

31 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any community antenna
32 television company or nonprofit organization providing community
33 access operations that supplied original programming from locally run
34 operations and provided funding for town-specific programming on
35 January 1, 2008, shall continue to fund town-specific programming in
36 such proportions to funding for original programming from locally
37 run operations as of January 1, 2008.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 3, "provided funding to" was changed to "provided funding for" for clarity and proper grammar.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*