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Raised Bill No. 448

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING CABLE TELEVISION EQUIPMENT AND THE DISCLOSURE OF RATES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES OFFERED BY TELEPHONE AND CABLE COMPANIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Each community antenna
2 television company, holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority
3 and holder of a certificate of video franchise authority, as defined in
4 section 16-1 of the general statutes, shall make available for purchase
5 to any customer of such company or holder any equipment necessary
6 for such customer to utilize the community antenna television service
7 or video service provided by such company or holder to such
8 customer.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Each telephone company,
10 community antenna television company, holder of a certificate of cable
11 franchise authority and holder of a certificate of video franchise
12 authority, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, shall list, in
13 plain language, on such company's or holder's Internet web site and on
14 any written material identifying the services offered by such company
15 or holder the cost of each such service. Such list shall identify the

- 16 different pricing options available for each such service under any
17 service package or bundle option offered by such company or holder.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require that each community antenna television company, holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority and holder of a certificate of video franchise authority provide an option for customers to buy any equipment for which such company or holder currently charges a monthly fee, and to require that each telephone company, community antenna television company, holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority and holder of a certificate of video franchise authority clearly identify pricing options on the web site of any such company or holder and on certain written materials.

[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.]