HOUSE BILL 502

L6, I3, C5 6lr1786

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Cable Television - Equipment Rentals

- FOR the purpose of limiting certain equipment rental charges that may be included in rates 4 of certain cable television system franchises under certain circumstances; limiting the amount of a certain charge; providing that this Act does not limit the rates charged for certain program content; providing for the application of this Act; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; and generally relating to cable television service and franchises.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article – Local Government
- 11 Section 1–708
- Annotated Code of Maryland 12
- (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement) 13
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. 14
- 15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Local Government 16

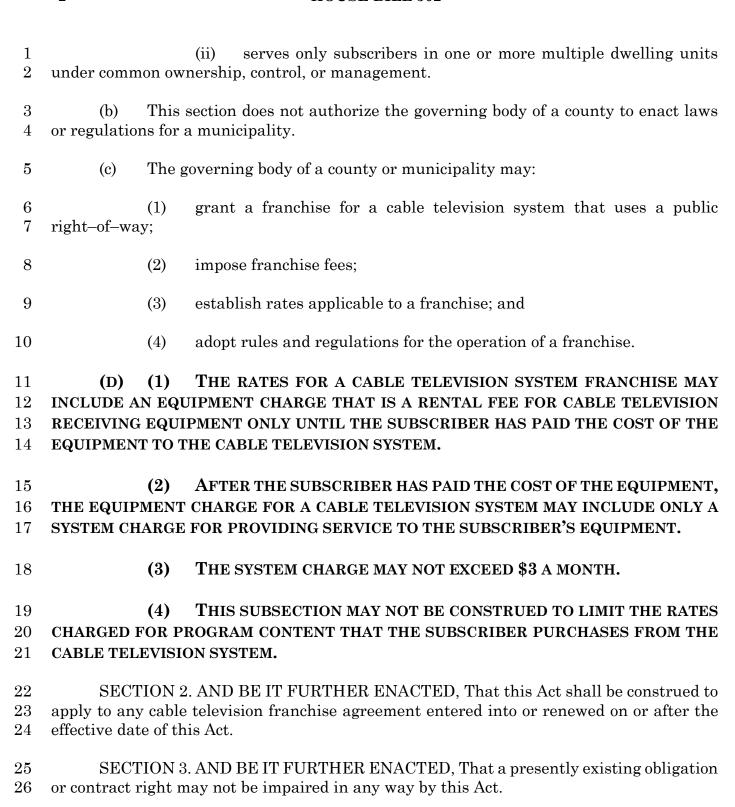
- 17 1-708.
- 18 Unless otherwise defined by local law, in this section, "cable television (a) 19 system" means a nonbroadcast facility that consists of a set of transmission paths and 20 associated signal generation, reception, and central equipment, under common ownership 21 and control, that distributes or is designed to distribute to subscribers the signals of one or 22more television broadcast stations.
- 23 (2)"Cable television system" does not include a facility that:
- 24(i) serves 49 or fewer subscribers; or



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October 1, 2016.



SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect