

# SENATE BILL 953

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By: **Senator Ready**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection – Unauthorized Billing – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from charging, attempting to charge, or imposing  
4 a fee on a consumer for any merchandise or services or the processing of any  
5 documents or permits for which the consumer did not specifically contract or that  
6 the consumer did not otherwise request; and generally relating to prohibited fees  
7 under consumer protection laws.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Commercial Law

10 Section 14–1325

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Commercial Law**

16 **14–1325.**

17 **A PERSON MAY NOT CHARGE, ATTEMPT TO CHARGE, OR IMPOSE A FEE ON A**  
18 **CONSUMER FOR ANY MERCHANDISE OR SERVICE OR THE PROCESSING OF ANY**  
19 **DOCUMENTS OR PERMITS FOR WHICH THE CONSUMER DID NOT SPECIFICALLY**  
20 **CONTRACT OR THAT THE CONSUMER DID NOT OTHERWISE REQUEST.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2016.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

