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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Multichannel Video Programming Subscribers - Continued Access to Services**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain subscribers to continue to receive certain
4 multichannel video programming services notwithstanding any agreements to the
5 contrary between certain persons and different multichannel video programming
6 distributors; defining certain terms; and generally relating to multichannel video
7 programming services.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Commercial Law
10 Section 14-1315
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Commercial Law**

16 14-1315.

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) (I) "MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTOR"
20 MEANS ANY PERSON THAT MAKES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY SUBSCRIBERS OR
21 CUSTOMERS MULTIPLE CHANNELS OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING.

22 (II) "MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTOR"
23 INCLUDES:

- 24 1. A CABLE OPERATOR;
- 25 2. A TELEPHONE COMPANY;
- 26 3. A MULTICHANNEL OR MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTION
27 SERVICE;
- 28 4. A DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SERVICE; OR

