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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Consumer Services - Itemized Statements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a person that provides a consumer service to an individual
4 in the State to include in any invoice, bill, or other request for payment an itemized
5 statement of each consumer service for which the individual is charged; providing
6 that a violation of this Act is an unfair and deceptive trade practice under the
7 Maryland Consumer Protection Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating
8 to itemized statements for consumer services.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Commercial Law
11 Section 14-1315
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Commercial Law**

17 14-1315.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CONSUMER SERVICE" MEANS A SERVICE THAT IS
19 PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL, HOUSEHOLD, OR FAMILY PURPOSES.

20 (B) (1) A PERSON THAT PROVIDES A CONSUMER SERVICE TO AN
21 INDIVIDUAL IN THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE IN ANY INVOICE, BILL, OR OTHER
22 REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF EACH CONSUMER SERVICE
23 FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS CHARGED.

24 (2) THE ITEMIZED STATEMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED WITHOUT
25 ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

26 (C) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS AN UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE
27 PRACTICE UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 1997.