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### A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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#### Consumer Protection - Cellular Telephone Service Contracts

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a merchant from entering into a contract to provide

- 4 cellular telephone service that exceeds a certain period in duration; and
- 5 generally relating to cellular telephone service contracts.

6 BY adding to

- 7 Article Commercial Law
- 8 Section 13-319
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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#### Article - Commercial Law

14 13-319.

# 15 A MERCHANT MAY NOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE CELLULAR16 TELEPHONE SERVICE THAT EXCEEDS 1 YEAR IN DURATION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 18 October 1, 2004.