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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Charges for Consumer Goods and Services**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from charging a consumer for consumer
4 goods or consumer services unless the consumer agrees in writing to pay for the
5 consumer goods or consumer services; and generally relating to consumer goods
6 and consumer services.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Commercial Law
9 Section 13-319
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Commercial Law**

15 13-319.

16 A PERSON MAY NOT CHARGE A CONSUMER FOR CONSUMER GOODS OR
17 CONSUMER SERVICES UNLESS THE CONSUMER AGREES IN WRITING TO PAY FOR THE
18 CONSUMER GOODS OR CONSUMER SERVICES.

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