

HOUSE BILL 943

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Telephone Companies – Unpublished Telephone Number – One-Time Charge**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the number of times a telephone company may assess a fee to
4 a customer for keeping certain telephone numbers unpublished; authorizing a
5 telephone company to assess the fee each time a customer changes the customer's
6 telephone number; and generally relating to telephone companies.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 8–207

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Public Utilities**

15 **8–207.**

16 **(A) IF A TELEPHONE COMPANY ASSESSES A CHARGE TO A CUSTOMER FOR**
17 **KEEPING THE CUSTOMER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER UNPUBLISHED, THE TELEPHONE**
18 **COMPANY MAY ASSESS THE CHARGE ONLY ONE TIME FOR EACH TELEPHONE**
19 **NUMBER ON THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT.**

20 **(B) A TELEPHONE COMPANY MAY ASSESS THE ONE-TIME CHARGE**
21 **AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION EACH TIME A CUSTOMER**
22 **CHANGES THE CUSTOMER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2018.