SENATE BILL 846

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By: **Senator Hettleman** Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025 Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Business Regulation - Cellular Phone Carriers - Service Contract Requirement

- FOR the purpose of requiring a cellular phone carrier to include a certain option in a
 cellular phone service contract authorizing certain additional individuals to alter,
 modify, or cancel a service contract under certain circumstances; and generally
 relating to cellular phone carriers and service contracts.
- 7 BY adding to
- 8 Article Business Regulation
- 9 Section 19–108
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2024 Replacement Volume)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article – Business Regulation

15 **19–108.**

A CELLULAR PHONE CARRIER THAT OFFERS A SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CELLULAR PHONE SERVICES SHALL INCLUDE AN OPTION IN THE SERVICE CONTRACT THAT ALLOWS MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CUSTOMER OF RECORD TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT TO ALTER, MODIFY, OR CANCEL THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE OTHER CUSTOMERS OF RECORD IF ALL OF THE CUSTOMERS OF RECORD AGREE IN WRITING TO THE OPTION ON EXECUTION OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 24 October 1, 2025.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

