

# SENATE BILL 846

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By: **Senator Hettleman**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Cellular Phone Carriers – ~~Service Contract Requirement~~**  
3 **Authorized Users**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a cellular phone carrier to ~~include a certain option in a~~  
5 ~~cellular phone service contract authorizing certain additional individuals to alter,~~  
6 ~~modify, or cancel a service contract under certain circumstances~~ allow a certain  
7 customer to have the option to designate other individuals as authorized users on  
8 the customer's account and to allow an authorized user to take certain actions in  
9 connection with the account; and generally relating to cellular phone carriers and  
10 ~~service contracts~~ authorized users.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Business Regulation  
13 Section 19–108  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Business Regulation**

19 **19–108.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

8 A CELLULAR PHONE CARRIER SHALL ALLOW:

9 (1) THE CUSTOMER OF RECORD WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT  
 10 ON AN ACCOUNT TO DESIGNATE OTHER INDIVIDUALS AS AUTHORIZED USERS ON THE  
 11 ACCOUNT; AND

12 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED AS AN AUTHORIZED USER ON AN  
 13 ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE SERVICES OR DEVICES OR TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION  
 14 UNDER ANY SERVICE CONTRACT CONNECTED TO THE ACCOUNT TO THE EXTENT  
 15 THAT THE AUTHORIZATION EXTENDS TO THE ACTION.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.