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HOUSE BILL NO. 822

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2108.25 of the Code of Virginia, relating to cable television operators; billing; explanation of tax charges.*

Patron—LeMunyon

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2108.25 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2108.25. Itemization; explanation of tax charges.

A. A cable operator providing cable service may identify as a separate line item on each regular bill of each subscriber (i) the amount of the total bill assessed as a franchise fee, or any equivalent fee, and the locality to which such fee is paid; (ii) the amount of the total bill assessed to satisfy any requirements imposed on the cable operator, including those to support public, educational, or governmental access facilities, including institutional networks; and (iii) the amount of any other fee, tax, assessment, or charge of any kind imposed by any governmental entity on the transaction between the cable operator and the subscriber.

B. A cable operator providing cable service shall include on each regular bill of each subscriber a clear, concise, and understandable explanation of any itemized charge that the cable operator attributes to a government or to a statutory or regulatory obligation, including a tax, fee, or cost described as public, educational, or governmental. In lieu of printing the explanatory text on the bill, the cable operator may include the address of a website that displays the explanation.

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