

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1953

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the provision of video programming service to  
3 consumers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Business & Commerce Code,  
6 as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding Chapter 327 to read  
7 as follows:

8 CHAPTER 327. PROVISION OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING SERVICE TO CONSUMERS

9 Sec. 327.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

10 (1) "Consumer" means an individual who seeks video  
11 programming service for personal, family, or household purposes.

12 (2) "Video programming service" means the  
13 distribution of video programming with or without use of wires to  
14 subscribing or paying customers.

15 Sec. 327.002. VIDEO PROGRAMMING SERVICE WITHOUT  
16 CANCELLATION FEE. A video programming service provider may not  
17 offer to a consumer a contract for video programming service that  
18 provides:

19 (1) any kind of fee or charge for cancellation of the  
20 contract by the consumer; or

21 (2) any time period during which the contract is not  
22 subject to cancellation by the consumer.

23 Sec. 327.003. CONTRACT VOID. A contract that violates  
24 Section 327.002 is void and may not be enforced.

1           SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a contract entered into  
2 or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.