

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1660

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 is amended by adding Chapter 327 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 327. PROVISION OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING SERVICE TO CONSUMERS

8 Sec. 327.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

22 Sec. 327.003. CONTRACT VOID. A contract entered into in  
23 violation of Section 327.002 is void and may not be enforced.

24 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a contract entered into

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1 or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.