

SHORT TITLE: Cable television service; prohibiting landlord charging certain fees for tenants access to service. Emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1121

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to cable television service;

prohibiting landlords from demanding or accepting certain fees from certain television service providers for access to tenants; stating exception; prohibiting certain discriminatory rental charges; authorizing landlords to require service providers and tenants bear certain costs; authorizing landlords to charge certain reasonable securities for damages; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 141 of Title 41, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No landlord shall demand or accept payment of any fee, charge or other thing of value from any provider of cable television service, satellite master antenna television service, direct broadcast satellite television service, subscription television service, or service of any other television programming system in exchange for giving the tenants of such landlord access to such service; and no landlord shall demand or accept any such payment from any tenants in exchange therefor unless the landlord is the provider of the service. Nor shall any landlord discriminate in rental charges

between tenants who receive any such service and those who do not. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit a landlord from requiring that the provider of such service and the tenant bear the entire cost of the installation, operation, or removal of the facilities incident thereto, or prohibit a landlord from demanding or accepting reasonable indemnity or security for any damages caused by such installation, operation, or removal.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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