

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1833

By: Askins

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to cable television service; amending Section 1, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1998 (11 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 22-107.2), which relates to late fees for cable television service; clarifying language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 1998 (11 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 22-107.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 22-107.2 A. Unless otherwise specifically prohibited by law, a seller of cable television service may assess a late fee on delinquent accounts having an unpaid balance of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) or more.

B. The seller of cable television service shall conspicuously disclose, in the contract for service and on each statement or invoice, the terms on which a late fee may be assessed by the seller including the amount of the fee.

C. No late fee shall be assessed which exceeds Six Dollars (\$6.00) or five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is greater.

D. Prior to collecting a late fee, the seller shall give notice to the customer by first class mail to the ~~customer's~~ last known billing address of the customer as shown on the records of the seller of the amount of the delinquency at least ten (10) days prior to the date the fee will be imposed. The notice shall conspicuously state the place and address for making payment, the date on which the late fee will be imposed, and the amount of the late fee.

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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