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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. BONACIC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting providers from imposing a fee for termination or early cancellation of certain service contracts in the event a customer has deceased before the end of such contract

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 399-zzzz to read as follows:
3 S 399-ZZZZ. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN FEE CHARGES FOR TERMINATION OR
4 EARLY CANCELLATION. 1. NO PROVIDER OF TELEPHONE, CELLULAR TELEPHONE,
5 TELEVISION, INTERNET, ENERGY, OR WATER SERVICES SHALL IMPOSE A FEE FOR
6 TERMINATION OR EARLY CANCELLATION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT IN THE EVENT THE
7 CUSTOMER HAS DECEASED BEFORE THE END OF SUCH CONTRACT.
8 2. EVERY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A CIVIL
9 PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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