



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 109

PRINTER'S NO. 2140

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 109 would prohibit early termination fees for certain contracts as a result of death.

#### ANALYSIS:

This legislation would prohibit providers of certain services from imposing a fee for early termination of a service contract upon the death of the service recipient. The service providers covered by this legislation would include providers of cable television, cellular or telecommunications service, direct broadcast satellite, electric generation service, heating oil, natural gas, or Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") This prohibition would also extend to vehicle lease agreements.

Upon the death of a contracting party, the executor or administrator of their estate must provide notice to the service provider or vehicle lessor and submit a copy of the decedent's death certificate within 180 days of the written notice. The service provider or vehicle lessor would be required to waive any early termination fees or charges as of the date of that written notice.

A violation of this legislation would be considered a violation of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth Funds.

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**DATE:** October 17, 2023

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*