

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 109

PRINTER NO. 2140

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 7, 2023

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DESCRIPTION

House Bill 109 establishes the Prohibition of Early Contract Termination Fees Upon Death Act.

This legislation prohibits certain service providers from imposing a fee for the early termination of a contract upon the death of the service recipient. Included service providers under the bill are providers of cable television, cellular or other telecommunications, direct broadcast satellite, electric generation service to a retail customer, heating oil, natural gas supply or voice over internet protocol. The prohibition also applies to lease agreements for motor vehicles.

The executor or administrator of a decedent's estate may terminate a decedent's contract by providing notice in writing to the service provider or vehicle lessor. A copy of the decedent's death certificate must be submitted to a service provider or vehicle lessor within 180 days of the written notice. A violation of this act shall be considered a violation of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

The provisions of this bill shall apply to contracts executed on or after the effective date. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 109 has no impact on Commonwealth funds.