

SB0049/583720/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 49
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “card” insert “unless certain conditions are met”; and in line 10, after “regulations” insert “or a certain license”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “AT” in line 17 down through “MONTH” in line 18.

On page 3, in lines 14 and 15, strike “SIMPLE, COST-EFFECTIVE, AND WIDELY AVAILABLE” and substitute “COST-EFFECTIVE, TIMELY, AND EASY-TO-USE”; in line 27, strike “AND” and substitute a comma; in line 30, strike “INCLUDING” and substitute “AND INCLUDE”; in line 31, strike “LOCATED” and substitute “PLACED”; and in the same line, after “BUTTON” insert “TO INITIATE THE CANCELLATION PROCESS,”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “BY AN” and substitute “AN”; in line 6, strike “TOLL-FREE”; in line 12, strike the comma; after line 17, insert:

“(IV) 1. IF A CONSUMER HAS AN ACCOUNT WITH A BUSINESS, THE BUSINESS MAY REQUIRE THE CONSUMER TO ENTER ACCOUNT INFORMATION OR OTHERWISE AUTHENTICATE THE ACCOUNT ONLINE BEFORE ONLINE TERMINATION OF THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OR CONTINUOUS SERVICE.

2. IF A CONSUMER IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ENTER ACCOUNT INFORMATION OR OTHERWISE AUTHENTICATE THE CONSUMER’S ACCOUNT ONLINE BEFORE ONLINE TERMINATION OF THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OR CONTINUOUS SERVICE, THE CONSUMER MAY NOT BE

PRECLUDED FROM AUTHENTICATING THE CONSUMER'S ACCOUNT OR
TERMINATING THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OR CONTINUOUS SERVICE USING
ANOTHER METHOD THAT THE BUSINESS PROVIDES IN A CLEAR AND
CONSPICUOUS MANNER.";

and in line 20, after "TRIAL" insert "LASTING MORE THAN 14 DAYS".

On page 5, in line 8, after "TRIAL" insert "LASTING MORE THAN 14 DAYS"; in
line 17, after "OFFER" insert "WITH AN INITIAL DEFINITE TERM OF MORE THAN 1
MONTH"; in line 18, after "UNLESS" insert ":

(1)";

in the same line, strike "CLEAR" and substitute "CLEAR"; in line 19, after "PROVIDED"
insert "TO THE CONSUMER; AND

(2) THE CONSUMER PROVIDES CONSENT TO THE AUTOMATIC
CHARGE OF THE CONSUMER'S CREDIT CARD";

in line 22, after "PERSON" insert "OR THAT IS LICENSED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THE
BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE"; in line 24, after "TO" insert
":

(1)";

in the same line, strike "ANY" and substitute "ANY"; in line 26, after
"ADMINISTRATION" insert ";OR

(2) A SERVICE REGULATED BY:

- (I) THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;
- (II) THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; OR
- (III) THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION”;

in line 31, strike “§ 13-408” and substitute “§§ 13-408 AND 13-411”; after line 31, insert:

“(H) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW.”;

in line 33, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, strike “2025” and substitute “2026”.