



Title: Virginia House Bill 78

Subject: Automatic Renewal

Summary:

This bill has been approved by the Governor and will be effective July 1, 2022.

Virginia House Bill 78 amends the chapter governing automatic renewal offers and continuous service offers by amending requirements for online cancellations. The bill has been amended to include changes recommended by the SCIC regarding online cancellation.

The bill requires that if an automatic renewal or continuous service offer is made online, the supplier must also make available a "conspicuous online option to cancel."

Current law defines "automatic renewal" as a plan or arrangement in which a paid subscription or purchasing agreement is automatically renewed at the end of a definite term for a subsequent term. "Continuous service" means a plan or arrangement in which a subscription or purchasing agreement continues until the consumer cancels the service.

Current law provides express exemptions for a number of services and entities including but not limited to:

- A home protection company;
- A home service contract provider;
- A service provided by a supplier or its affiliate where either the supplier or its affiliate is doing business pursuant to a license, certificate, or other authorization issued by the State Corporation Commission to a public service companion public utility pursuant to Title 56; or
- A bank, bank holding company, or the subsidiary or affiliate of either, or a credit union or other financial institution, licensed under federal or state law.

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Date/Type of Last Action: 01/04/2022 Prefiled and ordered printed;
Offered 01/12/22

01/04/2022	Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy
01/18/2022	Assigned sub: Subcommittee #2
01/20/2022	Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (10-0)
01/25/2022	Reported from Commerce and Energy with amendment(s) (21-0)
01/27/2022	Read first time
01/28/2022	Read second time Committee amendment agreed to Engrossed by House as amended HB78E
01/31/2022	Printed as engrossed 22101883D-E Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-0) VOTE: Block Vote Passage (99-0)
02/01/2022	Constitutional reading dispensed in Senate
02/01/2022	Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor
02/28/2022	Reported from Commerce and Labor With Amendments (15-0)
03/02/2022	Constitutional Reading Dispensed (40-0)
03/03/2022	Read 3 rd time Reading of Amendments Waived Committee Amendments agreed to Engrossed by Senate as amended (39-0)
03/07/2022	House passed by temporarily Senate amendments agreed to by House (97-0)
03/10/2022	Enrolled Signed by Speaker Signed by President
03/22/2022	Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on March 22, 2022 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline 11:59 p.m., April 11, 2022
04/11/2022	Approved by governor – Chapter 557