

HB 2578

Hospice Care Fairness Bill

Problem Statement

Terminally ill patients entering hospice care have been penalized with large fees for attempting to end their contracts with telecommunications companies prior to contract completion.

Essential Information

Requires that all contracts for telecommunications services, contracted to last more than three months, have an exemption for individuals entering hospice care that allows them to end their contract prior to contract completion without early-termination fees.

Why is this Necessary?

Terminally ill patients, who enter hospice care prior to a telecommunications contracts completion, should not be forced to either pay large fees or fight with corporate bureaucracy in order to end their contracts. Many of these individuals do not have the time, energy, or money to deal with hurdles of these kinds at this time in their lives. This bill would help these individuals end their contracts without an undue burden.