

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/12/15

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/12

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides for termination of residential cable or telecommunications service contract with deceased individual or individual in hospice care without penalty. Allows service provider to require documentation of death or hospice care. Authorizes civil penalty up to \$1,000 for violation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Persons entering hospice care have reported costly and time-consuming struggles with telecommunications companies when trying to terminate contracts. House Bill 2578-A allows individuals entering hospice, or the next of kin or representative of an individual who has died, to terminate a residential cable, satellite television, or telephone contract without penalty.