

[(c)](D) (1) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding [500] \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both.

(2) A PERSON CONVICTED OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(3) A PERSON WHO COMMITS AN ACT PROHIBITED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION FOR PAYMENT OR OFFER OF PAYMENT IS GUILTY OF A ~~FELONY~~ MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR BOTH.

(E) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO ~~ASSISTS ANOTHER PERSON TO VIOLATE~~ VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B)(3) OR (6) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE CIVILLY TO THE AGGRIEVED CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY FOR ~~THE GREATER OF THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:~~

(1) ~~\$1,000; OR~~

(2) ~~DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DAMAGES, IF ANY, SUSTAINED BY THE CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY~~ ALL APPROPRIATE CIVIL DAMAGES AWARDED BY A COURT.

(F) A CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY MAY:

(1) BRING AN ACTION TO ENJOIN AND RESTRAIN A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; ~~AND~~

(2) ~~IN THE SAME ACTION, SEEK DAMAGES AS PROVIDED BY SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.~~

(G) ANY ELECTRONIC OR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT OR OTHER DEVICE USED TO VIOLATE A PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS PROPERTY SUBJECT TO SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE TO THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

May 26, 1992

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President: