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Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
Section 2(13)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners
Section 3C
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland
Section 5(B)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

~~WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the State that the counties, municipalities, and Baltimore City regulate the delivery of cable television services in order to make available to their citizens adequate and efficient cable television services at reasonable rates.~~

~~WHEREAS, it has been and will continue to be the policy of this State to authorize the counties, municipalities, and Baltimore City to supplant competition by granting cable television franchises that may be exclusive in nature, imposing franchise fees, and establishing the rates charged to customers by franchises, now, therefore,~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the following principles are adopted as a statement of the legislative policy of this State in regard to the regulation of community antenna television and cable television franchising:

(1) It is in the public interest of the State that the counties, municipalities, and Baltimore City regulate cable television franchises in order to make available to their citizens adequate and efficient cable television services at reasonable rates.

(2) It has been and shall continue to be the policy of this State to authorize the counties, municipalities, and