
HOUSE BILL 3197

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting paper billing fees; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 19.86 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.86 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A business entity that uses paper bills to charge customers for
7 services provided must provide a customer with one paper copy of the
8 customer's regular bill each billing cycle at no additional cost to the
9 customer.

10 (2) The legislature finds that the practices covered by this
11 section are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the
12 purpose of applying this chapter. A violation of this section is not
13 reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business
14 and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair
15 method of competition for the purpose of applying this chapter.

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