

Bill No. CS for SB 1168

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11	Senator Forman moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 1, between lines 27 and 28,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section		
18	718.115, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to		
19	read:		
20	718.115 Common expenses and common surplus.--		
21	(1)		
22	(b) If so provided in the declaration, the cost of a		
23	master antenna television system or duly franchised cable		
24	television service obtained pursuant to a bulk contract shall		
25	be deemed a common expense. If the declaration does not		
26	provide for the cost of a master antenna television system or		
27	duly franchised cable television service obtained under a bulk		
28	contract as a common expense, the board of administration may		
29	enter into such a contract, and the cost of the service will		
30	be a common expense but allocated on a per-unit basis rather		
31	than a percentage basis if the declaration provides for other		

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1 than an equal sharing of common expenses, and any contract
 2 entered into before July 1, 1998, in which the cost of the
 3 service is not equally divided among all unit owners, may be
 4 changed by vote of a majority of the voting interests present
 5 at a regular or special meeting of the association, to
 6 allocate the cost equally among all units. The contract shall
 7 be for a term of not less than 2 years.

8 1. Any contract made by the board after the effective
 9 date hereof for a community antenna system or duly franchised
 10 cable television service may be canceled by a majority of the
 11 voting interests present at the next regular or special
 12 meeting of the association. Any member may make a motion to
 13 cancel said contract, but if no motion is made or if such
 14 motion fails to obtain the required majority at the next
 15 regular or special meeting, whichever is sooner, following the
 16 making of the contract, then such contract shall be deemed
 17 ratified for the term therein expressed.

18 2. Any such contract shall provide, and shall be
 19 deemed to provide if not expressly set forth, that any hearing
 20 impaired or legally blind unit owner who does not occupy the
 21 unit with a non-hearing-impaired or sighted person, or any
 22 unit owner receiving supplemental security income under Title
 23 XVI of the Social Security Act or food stamps as administered
 24 by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to
 25 s. 414.31, may discontinue the service without incurring
 26 disconnect fees, penalties, or subsequent service charges, and
 27 as to such units, the owners shall not be required to pay any
 28 common expenses charge related to such service. If less than
 29 all members of an association share the expenses of cable
 30 television, the expense shall be shared equally by all
 31 participating unit owners. The association may use the

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1 provisions of s. 718.116 to enforce payment of the shares of
2 such costs by the unit owners receiving cable television.

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4 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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7 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

8 And the title is amended as follows:

9 On page 1, line 6, after the semicolon

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11 insert:

12 amending s. 718.115, F.S.; authorizing
13 condominium households receiving supplemental
14 security income or food stamps to discontinue
15 cable television service without fees,
16 penalties, or service charges;

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