

A bill for an act

relating to telecommunications; prohibiting certain fees for equipment; proposing  
coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 238.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[238.44] EQUIPMENT FEE; PROHIBITION.**

After January 1, 2010, a cable communications system must provide to a subscriber,  
at no cost to the subscriber, equipment necessary to continue to receive and view the  
channels included under a subscriber's existing contract with the cable communications  
system with no diminution in quality. A cable communications system may charge a  
subscriber only for equipment that allows for additional features that are not part of  
a subscriber's existing contract.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.