



ASSEMBLY, No. 1090

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 11, 1982

By Assemblymen PATERNITI, PELLY, SCHWARTZ, Assemblywoman PERUN, Assemblymen DEVERIN, LESNIAK and BOCCHINI

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Communications

AN ACT to amend "An act concerning cable television, supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes, and repealing P. L. 1971, c. 221," approved December 15, 1972 (P. L. 1972, c. 186).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 49 of P. L. 1972, c. 186 (C. 48:5A-49) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 49. No owner of any dwelling or his agent shall forbid or prevent  
4 any tenant of such dwelling from receiving cable television service,  
5 nor demand or accept payment in any form as a condition of per-  
6 mitting the installation of such service in the dwelling or portion  
7 thereof occupied by such tenant as his place of residence, nor shall  
8 discriminate in rental charges or otherwise against any such tenant  
9 receiving cable television service; provided, however, that such  
10 owner or his agent may require that the installation of cable tele-  
11 vision facilities conform to all reasonable conditions necessary to  
12 protect the safety, functioning, appearance and value of the prem-  
13 ises and the convenience, safety and well-being of other tenants;  
14 and further provided, that a cable television company installing  
15 any such facilities for the benefit of a tenant in any dwelling shall  
16 agree to indemnify the owner thereof for any damage caused by  
17 the installation, operation or removal of such facilities and for any  
18 liability which may arise out of such installation, operation or  
19 removal.

**Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.**

20 *For purposes of this act:*

21 *“owner of any dwelling or his agent” shall include but not be*  
22 *limited to a mobile home park owner or operator;*

23 *“tenant” shall include but not be limited to a resident of a*  
24 *mobile home in a mobile home park.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to permit residents of mobile home parks to have access to cable television service in the same manner as tenants of dwellings are permitted access thereto under section 49 of P. L. 1972, c. 186.

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: MAY 24, 1982

Currently the Cable Television Act provides specific guidelines regarding the installation of cable television service on rental property. The "owner" of a dwelling may not refuse to permit the installation of such service in his building. Moreover, an owner may not impose rent increases or unreasonable conditions for allowing the installations. This bill defines owner to include but not be limited to a mobile park owner or operator. The purpose of this bill is to insure that residents of mobile homes are not refused or unreasonably inhibited from installing cable television service.

This bill is supported by the cable television industry.

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A-1090, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas Paterniti (D-Middlesex), permits residents of mobile home parks to have the same access to cable television service as tenants of other buildings. Current law forbids owners of rental property to refuse tenants permission to install cable service.

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