



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 73**

LCO No. 1036



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
SEN. SAMPSON, 16<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY NONPROFIT COMMUNITY  
ACCESS PROVIDERS AND MUNICIPAL PROGRAMMING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require any third-party
- 2 nonprofit community access provider to, upon request from any town
- 3 within its service territory, provide written consent for the town to:
  
- 4 (1) Operate education and government public access channels in
- 5 that town; and
  
- 6 (2) Engage freely and directly with the community antenna
- 7 television company providing services in such town to use their
- 8 headend equipment for dissemination of town-specific community
- 9 access programming on such channels.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require third-party nonprofit community access providers to provide written consent for towns to conduct certain activities regarding education and government public access and community access programming.