

1.1 A bill for an act

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

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

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

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

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