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SENATE BILL 5863

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By Senators Tom, Pridemore, and Keiser

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1            AN ACT Relating to the termination of wireless communications  
2 device services; and adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    If upon the termination of a wireless  
5 communications device service, the consumer-requested cancellation date  
6 and the billing cycle end dates are not the same, the wireless  
7 communications device service ends and is billed at the earlier of the  
8 two dates. For the purposes of this section, "cancellation date" means  
9 (1) the date a wireless communications device contract ends or (2) the  
10 date a consumer requests to cancel the wireless communications device  
11 service if there is no contract in force at the time of the request.

12           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The legislature finds that the practices  
13 covered by this chapter are matters vitally affecting the public  
14 interest for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act,  
15 chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation of this chapter is not reasonable in  
16 relation to the development and preservation of business and is an  
17 unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair method of

1 competition for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act,  
2 chapter 19.86 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a  
4 new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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