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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the granting of additional cable television
2 franchises by a city.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 364.2, subsection 4, Code 2001, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. If a city grants more than one cable
4 television franchise, the terms or conditions of any
5 additional franchise, including but not limited to terms and
6 conditions pertaining to the territorial extent of the
7 franchise; system design; technical performance standards;
8 construction schedule; performance bonds; standards for
9 construction and installation of cable television facilities;
10 service to subscribers; public, government, and education
11 access channels and programming; liability and
12 indemnification; and franchise fees, shall not be more
13 favorable or less burdensome than the terms or conditions of
14 any existing cable television franchise. If the terms or
15 conditions of any additional franchise are more favorable or
16 less burdensome than the terms or conditions of any existing
17 cable television franchise, then the more favorable or less
18 burdensome terms or conditions shall also be applicable to any
19 existing cable television franchise.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill provides that if a city grants more than one
22 cable television franchise, the terms and conditions of any
23 additional franchise shall not be more favorable or less
24 burdensome than the terms or conditions of any existing cable
25 television franchise. If the terms or conditions of any
26 additional franchise are more favorable or less burdensome
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28 franchise, then the more favorable or less burdensome terms or
29 conditions shall also be applicable to any existing cable
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