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Ohio Revised Code

Section 1332.28 Racial or income discrimination prohibited.

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(A) Consistent with the "Telecommunications Act of 1996," Pub. L. No. 104-104, Title III, Sections 303(a), 110 Stat. 61, 124, 47 U.S.C. 541(a)(3) and to prohibit discriminatory practices against a group of potential residential subscribers, no video service provider shall deny access to video service to any group of potential residential subscribers in its video service area because of the race or income of the residents in the local area in which the group resides.

(B) It is an affirmative defense to a violation of division (A) of this section if the video service provider can demonstrate either of the following:

(1) Three years after the date it began providing video service in its video service area, at least twenty-five per cent of households with access to the provider's video service are low-income households.

(2) Five years after the date it began providing video service in its video service area and thereafter, at least thirty per cent of the households with access to the provider's video service are low-income households.