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Concerning Proposed Class's 10-12:

Any device such as smart phones and other computing or smart devices, allow for the owners "right to repair," modify, or upgrade at owner's discretion. While proprietary software installed on a device remains the property of the proprietary owner and is simply licensed through the device or service, the physical device is paid for property to be used as owner sees fit. However, I do not advocate for the modification of "streaming devices" as these have one intended purpose which connects a user to a subscription service. The discourse on "right to modify" in this case can be broken up into subcategories as to not conflate two separate talking points. In most cases "jailbreaking" a device has allowed operators to use a device as it was intended without subsidiary limits (if present) or allows it to be modified to enhance the experience of the device being used within the parameters of the law.

I will offer a real-life example: I once purchased a device from a manufacturer which fully "unlocked" or "jailbroken." When I attempted to have the phone connected to a local cellular service, the company "flashed" my device to put limits it despite my original purchasing of this device from the manufacture, effectively driving the value of the device down, along with removing features from the device. This is a steady practice with some companies.

If an owner of a device cannot effectively modify a product, providers of services for the devices (with exception with streaming devices) should not have this right to modify either.

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