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AN ACT

1 Providing for responsibility of owners of shopping centers and
2 malls for short-term vendors.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Short-term
7 Vendor Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Short-term vendor." A vendor who, by lease or other
13 agreement, is authorized to sell products or services at a
14 shopping center or mall for not more than 60 days.

15 Section 3. Responsibility.

16 The owner of a shopping center or mall shall be responsible
17 for the acts of short-term vendors who fail to provide the

1 products or services for which they were paid by customers, and
2 shall reimburse any such customers who file valid claims with
3 the owner of the shopping center or mall within 90 days of the
4 promised date of delivery of the product or service.

5 Section 4. Limitation.

6 The limit on payments with respect to claims against any
7 particular short-term vendor shall be \$1,000.

8 Section 5. Bond.

9 The owner of a shopping center or mall may require short-term
10 vendors to post a bond of \$1,000 to cover claims which may be
11 filed under this act.

12 Section 6. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.