

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 716 Session of  
2005

INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, CORRIGAN,  
DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GOODMAN,  
GRUCELA, HERSHEY, LEVDANSKY, MANN, McILHATTAN, PISTELLA,  
SHANER, STABACK, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 1, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 1, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of deception  
3 relating to public or private grants or programs; and  
4 imposing a penalty.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 4107.3. Deception relating to public or private grants or  
10 programs.

11 (a) Offense defined.--No person, over the telephone or by  
12 electronic means, may request or accept a payment from a bank or  
13 credit union checking or savings account for an offer or implied  
14 offer to assist the consumer in qualifying for, researching or  
15 providing information about public or private grants or  
16 programs.

17 (b) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to:

1       (1) any Federal, State or local government agency or its  
2       authorized agent in the performance of official governmental  
3       duties; or

4       (2) any services offered to any government agency by any  
5       business or nonprofit organization registered with the  
6       Department of State.

7       (c) Penalty.--A person who violates this section commits a  
8       misdemeanor of the first degree and shall, upon conviction, be  
9       sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000.

10      Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.