THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 64

Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK AND FONTANA, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), entitled "An act prohibiting unfair methods of competition 3 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce, giving the Attorney General and District Attorneys certain powers and duties and providing penalties, "further defining "unfair methods of competition" 7 and "unfair or deceptive acts or practices." 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 10 Section 1. Section 2(4) of the act of December 17, 1968 11 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and 12 Consumer Protection Law, reenacted and amended November 24, 1976 13 (P.L.1166, No.260), is amended by adding a subclause to read: 14 Section 2. Definitions. -- As used in this act. 15 16 "Unfair methods of competition" and "unfair or deceptive 17 acts or practices" mean any one or more of the following: 18 19 (xxii) For the sale of a motor vehicle by a dealer to a 20 consumer where the sales contract includes an arbitration

- provision, failing to obtain the consumer's signature on a 1
- 2 <u>separately signed acknowledgment which indicates that the dealer</u>
- 3 explained the arbitration provision prior to the contract being
- 4 signed, the consumer was given an opportunity not to agree to
- 5 the arbitration provision and the consumer understands that the
- dealer is prohibited from increasing the cost of the motor 6
- 7 vehicle if the consumer does not agree to the arbitration
- 8 provision.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days. 9