

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 895

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by inserting after "for"
2 collection, verification and

3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 19; pages 2 through 7,
4 lines 1 through 30; page 8, lines 1 through 11; by striking out
5 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

6 Section 9.4. Collection, Verification and Disclosure of
7 Information by Online Marketplaces to Inform Consumers.--(a) An
8 online marketplace shall require that a high-volume third-party
9 seller on the online marketplace's platform provide the online
10 marketplace with the following information not later than ten
11 days after qualifying as a high-volume third-party seller on the
12 platform:

13 (1) A bank account number or, if the high-volume third-party
14 seller does not have a bank account, the name of the payee for
15 payments issued by the online marketplace to the high-volume
16 third-party seller. The required bank account or payee
17 information shall be provided by the high-volume third-party
18 seller to any of the following:

19 (i) The online marketplace.

20 (ii) A payment processor or other third party contracted by
21 the online marketplace to maintain the information if the online
22 marketplace ensures that the online marketplace can obtain the
23 information on demand from the payment processor or other third
24 party.

25 (2) Contact information for the high-volume third-party
26 sellers as follows:

27 (i) If the high-volume third-party seller is an individual,
28 the individual's name.

29 (ii) If the high-volume third-party seller is not an
30 individual, one of the following forms of contact information:

31 (A) A copy of a valid government-issued identification for
32 an individual acting on behalf of the high-volume third-party
33 seller, including the individual's name.

34 (B) A copy of a valid government-issued record or tax
35 document, including the business name and physical address of
36 the high-volume third-party seller.

1 (iii) A business tax identification number or, if the high-
2 volume third-party seller does not have a business tax
3 identification number, a taxpayer identification number.

4 (iv) A current working telephone number.

5 (v) A current working email address.

6 (b) An online marketplace shall have all of the following
7 duties:

8 (1) Periodically, but not less than annually, issue a
9 written or electronic notice to a high-volume third-party seller
10 on the online marketplace's platform of the requirement to keep
11 the information collected under subsection (a) current.

12 (2) Require a high-volume third-party seller on the online
13 marketplace's platform to, not later than ten days after
14 receiving the notice under subsection (b)(1), submit any changes
15 to the information under subsection (a). Certify there have been
16 no changes to the information required under subsection (a).

17 (c) Immediately following the ten days, if a high-volume
18 third-party seller does not comply with subsection (b)(2), the
19 online marketplace shall provide the high-volume third-party
20 seller with a second written or an electronic notice and an
21 opportunity to comply with subsection (b)(2).

22 (d) If a high-volume third-party seller fails to comply
23 within ten days after the issuance of the second notice, the
24 online marketplace shall suspend the future sales activity of
25 the high-volume third-party seller until the high-volume third-
26 party seller complies with subsection (b)(2).

27 (e) An online marketplace shall verify all of the following:

28 (1) The information collected under subsection (a) not later
29 than ten days after the collection.

30 (2) A change to the information under subsection (a) not
31 later than ten days after being notified of the change by a
32 high-volume third party seller under subsection (b)(2).

33 (f) If a high-volume third-party seller provides a copy of a
34 valid government-issued record or tax document under subsection
35 (a)(2)(ii)(B), the information contained in the record or tax
36 document shall be presumed to be verified as of the date of
37 issuance of the record or tax document.

38 (g) Data collected solely to comply with the requirements of
39 this section may not be used for any other purpose unless
40 required by Federal or State law. An online marketplace shall
41 implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and
42 practices, including administrative, physical and technical
43 safeguards, appropriate to the nature of the data collected
44 under this section and the purposes for which the data will be
45 used, to protect the data from unauthorized use, disclosure,
46 access, destruction or modification.

47 (h) An online marketplace shall require a high-volume third-
48 party seller that has an aggregate total of twenty thousand
49 dollars (\$20,000) or more in annual gross revenues on the online
50 marketplace and uses the online marketplace's platform to do all
51 of the following:

1 (1) Provide the information specified under subsection (i)
2 to the online marketplace.

3 (2) Disclose the information specified under subsection (i)
4 to a consumer in a conspicuous manner in all of the following:

5 (i) The order confirmation message or other document or
6 communication made to the consumer after a purchase is
7 finalized.

8 (ii) The consumer's account transaction history.

9 (i) Except as provided under subsection (j), a high-volume
10 third-party seller specified under subsection (h) shall provide
11 and disclose all of the following information in accordance with
12 subsection (h):

13 (1) The identity of the high-volume third-party seller,
14 including the full name of the high-volume third-party seller,
15 which may include the high-volume third-party seller's name or
16 company name or the name by which the high-volume third-party
17 seller or company operates on the online marketplace.

18 (2) The physical address of the high-volume third-party
19 seller.

20 (3) The contact information for the high-volume third-party
21 seller to allow for the direct, unhindered communication with
22 the high-volume third-party seller by a consumer on the online
23 marketplace, including any of the following:

24 (i) A current working telephone number.

25 (ii) A current working email address.

26 (iii) Any other means of direct electronic messaging,
27 including messaging provided by the online marketplace.

28 (4) Whether the high-volume third-party seller used a
29 different seller than listed on the product listing, prior to
30 purchase, to supply a consumer product to a consumer and upon
31 request, the information specified under clauses (1), (2) and
32 (3) relating to the different seller.

33 (j) Subject to the limitations under subsection (k), upon
34 the request of a high-volume third-party seller, an online
35 marketplace may provide for the partial disclosure of the
36 information specified under subsection (i)(1), (2) and (3) to a
37 consumer in accordance with the following:

38 (1) If the high-volume third-party seller certifies to the
39 online marketplace that the high-volume third-party seller does
40 not have a business address and only has a residential street
41 address, or has a combined business and residential address, the
42 online marketplace may do any of the following:

43 (i) Disclose to the consumer only the country and, if
44 applicable, the state where the high-volume third-party seller
45 resides.

46 (ii) Inform the consumer that there is no business address
47 available for the high-volume third-party seller and that
48 consumer inquiries should be submitted to the high-volume third-
49 party seller by telephone, email or any other means of
50 electronic messaging provided to the high-volume third-party
51 seller by the online marketplace.

1 (2) If the high-volume third-party seller certifies to the
2 online marketplace that the high-volume third-party seller is a
3 business that has a physical address for product returns, the
4 online marketplace may disclose the high-volume third-party
5 seller's physical address for product returns.

6 (3) If the high-volume third-party seller certifies to the
7 online marketplace that the high-volume third-party seller does
8 not have a telephone number other than a personal telephone
9 number, the online marketplace shall inform the consumer that
10 there is no telephone number available for the high-volume
11 third-party seller and consumer inquiries should be submitted to
12 the high-volume third-party seller's email address or other
13 means of electronic messaging provided to such seller by the
14 online marketplace.

15 (k) If an online marketplace becomes aware that a high-
16 volume third-party seller has made a false representation to the
17 online marketplace to justify a partial disclosure under
18 subsection (j) or the high-volume third-party seller has
19 requested and received an authorization for a partial disclosure
20 under subsection (j) and has not provided responsive answers
21 within a reasonable time frame to a consumer inquiry submitted
22 to the high-volume third-party in accordance with subsection
23 (i), the online marketplace shall, after providing the high-
24 volume third-party seller with a written or an electronic notice
25 and an opportunity to respond not later than ten days after the
26 issuance of the notice, suspend the future sales activity of the
27 high-volume third-party seller unless the high-volume third-
28 party seller consents to the disclosure of the identity
29 information required under subsection (i)(1), (2) and (3).

30 (l) An online marketplace shall, in a clear and conspicuous
31 manner, disclose to a consumer on each product listing of a
32 high-volume third-party seller a reporting mechanism that allows
33 for electronic and telephonic reporting of suspicious
34 marketplace activity to the online marketplace.

35 (m) If a high-volume third party seller does not comply with
36 the requirements to provide and disclose information on the
37 platform under this section, the online marketplace shall, after
38 providing the high-volume third-party seller with a written or
39 an electronic notice and an opportunity to provide or disclose
40 the information not later than ten days after the issuance of
41 the notice, suspend the future sales activity of the high-volume
42 third-party seller until the high-volume third-party seller
43 complies with the requirements under this section.

44 (n) This section shall not prevent an online marketplace
45 from preventing fraud, abuse or spam through any legal capacity
46 on the online marketplace.

47 (o) The Attorney General shall enforce the provisions of
48 this section. In addition to the relief under this act under
49 sections 4 and 4.1, a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 may be
50 levied against a person or entity that violates a provision of
51 this section. A penalty may be levied for each violation.

1 (p) A political subdivision shall not establish, mandate or
2 otherwise require an online marketplace to collect or verify
3 information from a high-volume third-party seller or disclose
4 information to a consumer.

5 (q) As used in this section:

6 "Consumer product" means as the term is defined under 15
7 U.S.C. § 2301(1).

8 "High-volume third-party seller" means a participant in an
9 online marketplace who is a third-party seller and who, for a
10 continuous period of twelve months during the previous twenty-
11 four months, has entered into at least two hundred discrete
12 sales of new or unused consumer products and an aggregate total
13 of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) gross revenues. For
14 purposes of calculating the number of discrete sales or the
15 aggregate gross revenues under this definition, an online
16 marketplace shall only count sales made through the online
17 marketplace and for which payment was processed by the online
18 marketplace directly or through the online marketplace's payment
19 processor.

20 "Online marketplace" means any person or entity that operates
21 a consumer-directed, electronically based or accessed platform
22 that:

23 (1) includes features that allow for, facilitate or enable a
24 third-party seller to engage in the sale, purchase, payment,
25 storage, shipping or delivery of a consumer product in the
26 United States;

27 (2) is used by a third-party seller; and

28 (3) has a contractual or similar relationship with a
29 consumer to govern the consumer's use of the platform to
30 purchase a consumer product.

31 "Seller" means a person who sells, offers to sell or
32 contracts to sell a consumer product through an online
33 marketplace's platform.

34 "Third-party seller" means a seller, independent of an online
35 marketplace, who sells, offers to sell or contracts to sell a
36 consumer product in the United States through an online
37 marketplace. The term does not include any of the following:

38 (1) A seller who operates an online marketplace's platform.

39 (2) A business entity that meets all of the following
40 criteria:

41 (i) The business entity has made the business entity's name,
42 business address and contact information available to the
43 public.

44 (ii) The business entity has an ongoing contractual
45 relationship with an online marketplace to provide the online
46 marketplace with the manufacturing, distribution, wholesaling or
47 fulfillment of the shipment of a consumer product.

48 (iii) The business entity had provided the information
49 described under subsection (a) to an online marketplace, which
50 has been verified in accordance with this section.

51 "Verify" means to confirm information provided to an online

1 marketplace under this section, including the use of a method
2 that enables the online marketplace to reliably determine the
3 validity of the information corresponding to a high-volume
4 third-party seller or an individual acting on the high-volume
5 third-party seller's behalf and confirm the information is not
6 misappropriated or falsified.