

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2762 Session of  
2002

INTRODUCED BY J. EVANS, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, COLEMAN,  
CORRIGAN, CREIGHTON, GRUCELA, LAUGHLIN, LEH, MYERS, PALLONE  
AND SHANER, JUNE 27, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, JUNE 27, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387),  
2 entitled "An act prohibiting unfair methods of competition  
3 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of  
4 any trade or commerce, giving the Attorney General and  
5 District Attorneys certain powers and duties and providing  
6 penalties," further providing for rescission of contracts.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 7(a) of the act of December 17, 1968  
10 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and  
11 Consumer Protection Law, reenacted and amended November 24, 1976  
12 (P.L.1166, No.260), and amended December 4, 1996 (P.L.906,  
13 No.146), is amended to read:

14 Section 7. Contracts; Effect of Rescission.--(a) Where  
15 goods or services having a sale price of twenty-five dollars  
16 (\$25) or more are sold or contracted to be sold to a buyer, as a  
17 result of, or in connection with, a seller-initiated contact  
18 with or seller-initiated call on the buyer or resident at his  
19 residence either in person or by telephone, that consumer may

1 avoid the contract or sale by notifying, in writing, the seller  
2 within three full business days following the day on which the  
3 contract or sale was made and by returning or holding available  
4 for return to the seller, in its original condition, any  
5 merchandise received under the contract or sale. Such notice of  
6 rescission shall be effective upon depositing the same in the  
7 United States mail or upon other service which gives the seller  
8 notice of rescission.

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10 Section 2. The amendment of section 7(a) of the act shall  
11 apply to contracts entered into on or after the effective date  
12 of this act.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.