

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1168 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, CREIGHTON, GROVE, KORTZ, REICHLEY,
SONNEY AND VULAKOVICH, MARCH 23, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 23, 2011

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 the definition of "unfair
7 methods of competition."

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 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) and amended December 4, 1996 (P.L.906,
14 No.146), is amended by adding a subclause to read:

15 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act.

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17 (4) "Unfair methods of competition" and "unfair or deceptive
18 acts or practices" mean any one or more of the following:

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20 (xxii) Failing to provide an individual who signed a

contract for direct-to-home satellite transmission service with
written notice containing the terms and conditions of service
and a complete listing of the viewing channels and any
additional features included in the subscription package or
service provided for in the contract. The viewing channels and
additional features listed in the notice shall be specific to
the subscribed to service package. The notice shall provide an
affirmation, signed by the contracting individual, verifying
that the individual received the notice and a copy shall be
provided to the individual. For purposes of this subclause,
"direct-to-home satellite transmission service" shall include
transmission, distribution and broadcasting of video programming
or services by satellite directly to the service address of the
individual subscribing to the programming or services without
use of ground receiving or distribution equipment, except at the
service address or in an uplink process to the satellite.

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