## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

1630 Session of 2011

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, DECEMBER 5, 2011

## AN ACT

Amending the act of June 28, 1947 (P.L.1110, No.476), entitled "An act defining and regulating certain installment sales of 2 motor vehicles; prescribing the conditions under which such 3 sales may be made and regulating the financing thereof; regulating and licensing persons engaged in the business of making or financing such sales; prescribing the form, contents and effect of instruments used in connection with such sales and the financing thereof; prescribing certain rights and obligations of buyers, sellers, persons financing such sales and others; limiting incidental charges in 10 connection with such instruments and fixing maximum interest 11 rates for delinquencies, extensions and loans; regulating 12 insurance in connection with such sales; regulating 13 repossessions, redemptions, resales and deficiency judgments and the rights of parties with respect thereto; authorizing 15 extensions, loans and forbearances related to such sales; 16 authorizing investigations and examinations of persons 17 engaged in the business of making or financing such sales; 18 19 prescribing penalties and repealing certain acts," further providing for revocation or suspension of licenses. 20

- 21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- hereby enacts as follows:
- 23 Section 1. Paragraph 14 of subsection A of section 10 of the

- 1 act of June 28, 1947 (P.L.1110, No.476), known as the Motor
- 2 Vehicle Sales Finance Act, amended December 9, 2002 (P.L.1446,
- 3 No.186), is amended to read:
- 4 Section 10. Revocation or Suspension of Licenses.--
- 5 A. The department, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to
- 6 the licensee, forwarded by registered mail to the place of
- 7 business of such licensee, as shown in the application for
- 8 license or as amended on the license certificate in case of
- 9 change of address subsequent to issuance of the license
- 10 certificate, may revoke or suspend any license if it finds that:
- 11 \* \* \*
- 12 14. The licensee has engaged in unfair, deceptive,
- 13 fraudulent or illegal practices or conduct in connection with
- 14 any business regulated under this act[, including making
- 15 excessive mark-ups to charges for items described in clause 1, 5
- 16 or 10.1 of subsection B of section 14 or subsection E of section
- 17 18 or mark-ups of costs in violation of subsection D of section
- 18 18. The department shall adopt a statement of policy that
- 19 contains guidelines determining mark-ups that the department
- 20 finds, after reasonably considering relevant market data, not to
- 21 be excessive and shall update and revise the statement of policy
- 22 to reflect changing business conditions. Mark-ups consistent
- 23 with the guidelines shall not be deemed excessive. Mark-ups in
- 24 excess of the guidelines fand, until such time as the department
- 25 adopts its guidelines, mark-ups for service contracts,
- 26 warranties, debt cancellation agreements and debt suspension
- 27 agreements in excess of 100% of the cost to the dealer + shall be
- 28 deemed excessive.]. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND INVESTIGATE

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- 29 AS APPROPRIATE, COMPLAINTS INSTITUTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN
- 30 RESPONSE TO EXAMINATIONS OR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS ANY CONSUMER

- 1 COMPLAINTS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH EXAMINATIONS RELATING
- 2 TO ANY ACTIVITIES REGULATED BY THIS ACT, INCLUDING THOSE
- 3 PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS, WARRANTIES, DEBT
- 4 <u>CANCELLATION AGREEMENTS AND DEBT SUSPENSION AGREEMENTS PROVIDED</u>
- 5 FOR IN SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 14. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY
- 6 REPORT TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE
- 7 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF
- 8 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE NUMBER AND DISPOSITION OF SUCH
- 9 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND CONSUMER COMPLAINT RESOLUTIONS.
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- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.