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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 206 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, BOBACK, KORTZ, COHEN, V. BROWN, MOUL, EVANKOVICH, CALTAGIRONE, GROVE, MURT, BROOKS, DELUCA AND GABLER, JANUARY 22, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, JANUARY 22, 2013

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), entitled "An act prohibiting unfair methods of competition 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 providing for the definition of "unfair methods of competition."

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

Section 1. Section 2(4) of the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, reenacted and amended November 24, 1976 (P.L.1166, No.260) and amended December 4, 1996 (P.L.906, No.146), is amended by adding a subclause to read:

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

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

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(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.