
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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RABB, JUNE 8, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, JUNE 8, 2020

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 definitions and for
7 unlawful acts or practices and exclusions.

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, is amended by adding a subclause to
13 read:

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

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

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19 (xxii) The assessment of fees by a financial institution for
20 remote deposits or other remote transactions, or for automated

1 teller machine or electronic telecommunications device usage by
2 an individual to conduct remote financial transactions during
3 the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
4 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), any
5 renewal of the state of disaster emergency, and for 90 days
6 following the expiration or termination of the disaster
7 emergency proclamation.

8 Section 2. Section 3 of the act is amended to read:

9 Section 3. Unlawful Acts or Practices; Exclusions.--Unfair
10 methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices
11 in the conduct of any trade or commerce as defined by subclauses
12 (i) through [(xxi)] (xxii) of clause (4) of section 2 of this
13 act and regulations promulgated under section 3.1 of this act
14 are hereby declared unlawful. The provisions of this act shall
15 not apply to any owner, agent or employe of any radio or
16 television station, or to any owner, publisher, printer, agent
17 or employe of an Internet service provider or a newspaper or
18 other publication, periodical or circular, who, in good faith
19 and without knowledge of the falsity or deceptive character
20 thereof, publishes, causes to be published or takes part in the
21 publication of such advertisement.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.