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## 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," providing for prohibition of certain fee charges.

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

9 Section 1. The act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387),  
10 known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law,  
11 is amended by adding a section to read:

12 Section 3.2. Prohibition of certain fee charges.--(a)  
13 Subject to Federal law and regulation, a person may not charge a  
14 consumer an additional rate or fee or a differential in the rate  
15 or fee associated with payment on an account when the consumer  
16 chooses to pay by the United States mail or receive a paper  
17 billing statement.

18 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a  
19 person from offering consumers a credit or other incentive to  
20 elect a specific payment or billing option.

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