
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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T. DAVIS, GAINEY AND DEASY, MAY 12, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MAY 12, 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 denial by a financial institution or credit card

1 company of a request by an individual to waive interest on
2 credit card charges incurred or owed by the individual 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), and
5 any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

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

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

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.