THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SHIMKUS, DERMODY, BISHOP, BLACKWELL, BRENNAN, GIBBONS, KORTZ, KULA, LEACH, MANDERINO, MANN, McCALL, M. O'BRIEN, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, YOUNGBLOOD AND JOSEPHS, MAY 29, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MAY 29, 2007

AN ACT

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 any trade or commerce, giving the Attorney General and 5 District Attorneys certain powers and duties and providing 6 penalties," further defining "unfair or deceptive acts or 7 practices" to include holds on debit cards used for fuel purchases. 9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 10 hereby enacts as follows: 11 Section 1. Section 2(4) of the act of December 17, 1968 12 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, reenacted and amended November 24, 1976 13 14 (P.L.1166, No.260), is amended by adding a subclause to read: 15 Section 2. Definitions. -- As used in this act. 16 17 "Unfair methods of competition" and "unfair or deceptive 18 acts or practices" mean any one or more of the following: 19 (xxii) The placing, by a fuel vendor, of a hold on a 20

- 1 consumer's debit card account in excess of the price of the fuel
- 2 <u>purchased</u>.
- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.