

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1168 Session of  
2011

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, CREIGHTON, GROVE, KORTZ, REICHLEY,  
SONNEY AND VULAKOVICH, MARCH 23, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 23, 2011

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 the definition of "unfair  
7 methods of competition."

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, reenacted and amended November 24, 1976  
13 (P.L.1166, No.260) and amended December 4, 1996 (P.L.906,  
14 No.146), is amended by adding a subclause to read:

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

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

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20 (xxii) Failing to provide an individual who signed a

1 contract for direct-to-home satellite transmission service with  
2 written notice containing the terms and conditions of service  
3 and a complete listing of the viewing channels and any  
4 additional features included in the subscription package or  
5 service provided for in the contract. The viewing channels and  
6 additional features listed in the notice shall be specific to  
7 the subscribed to service package. The notice shall provide an  
8 affirmation, signed by the contracting individual, verifying  
9 that the individual received the notice and a copy shall be  
10 provided to the individual. For purposes of this subclause,  
11 "direct-to-home satellite transmission service" shall include  
12 transmission, distribution and broadcasting of video programming  
13 or services by satellite directly to the service address of the  
14 individual subscribing to the programming or services without  
15 use of ground receiving or distribution equipment, except at the  
16 service address or in an uplink process to the satellite.

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