
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1081 Session of
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, APRIL 2, 2013

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.

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

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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
13 Consumer Protection Law, reenacted and amended November 24, 1976
14 (P.L.1166, No.260), is amended by adding subclauses 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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1 (ix.1) Advertising goods or services using a promotional
2 price that does not:

3 (A) Include the total costs associated with the goods or
4 services, including applicable taxes, fees or other related
5 charges in the same style, type font and size as the promotional
6 price.

7 (B) Specify the regular price of the goods or services.

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9 (xx.1) Render any billing to a customer that includes fees,
10 penalties or other charges that have not been disclosed to the
11 customer prior to the billing in accordance with all of the
12 following:

13 (1) In writing, in at least a fourteen-point bold face type
14 font.

15 (2) Detailing the nature of the fee, penalty or charge and
16 whether the fee, penalty or charge is mandated by a governmental
17 or regulatory body.

18 (3) Be provided at least sixty days prior to billing the
19 customer.

20 (xx.2) Offer contracted services that do not specify the
21 total costs associated with the contracted services, including
22 taxes, fees, surcharges or equipment charges. The requirements
23 under this subclause shall be enumerated on the first page of a
24 written contract and shall be in at least a fourteen-point bold
25 face type font.

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