
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2467 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY MIRANDA, THOMAS, MURT, CLAY AND CRUZ,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387),
2 reenacted and amended November 24, 1976 (P.L.1166, No.260),
3 entitled "An act prohibiting unfair methods of competition
4 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of
5 any trade or commerce, giving the Attorney General and
6 District Attorneys certain powers and duties and providing
7 penalties," further providing for civil penalties; and
8 providing for prohibiting residency requirements.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 8(b) 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) and amended December 4, 1996 (P.L.906,
15 No.146), is amended to read:

16 Section 8. Civil Penalties.--* * *

17 (b) In any action brought under section 4 or 9.4 of this
18 act, if the court finds that a person, firm or corporation is
19 wilfully using or has wilfully used a method, act or practice
20 declared unlawful by section 3 of this act, the Attorney General
21 or the appropriate District Attorney, acting in the name of the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, may recover, on behalf of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a civil penalty of not exceeding
3 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation, which civil penalty
4 shall be in addition to other relief which may be granted under
5 sections 4 and 4.1 of this act. Where the victim of the wilful
6 use of a method, act or practice declared unlawful by section 3
7 of this act is sixty years of age or older, the civil penalty
8 shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per violation,
9 which penalty shall be in addition to other relief which may be
10 granted under sections 2 and 4.1 of this act.

11 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

12 Section 9.4. Residency Requirement Prohibited.--(a) It
13 shall be unlawful for a sports franchise, facility owner, ticket
14 sales company or representative, contractor or subcontractor
15 thereof to use proof of residence as a condition of selling
16 tickets for a sporting event.

17 (b) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (a)
18 shall be subject to the penalties under section 8(b) of this
19 act.

20 (c) As used in this section:

21 "Facility" means a structure where a professional sporting
22 event is played and which requires ticketed entry from audience
23 members.

24 "Facility owner" means the owner of a facility at which
25 professional sports are played.

26 "Sports franchise" means a sports team or club operating as
27 part of an organization that participates in live professional
28 sporting events before a paying audience.

29 "Ticket sales company" means a company whose business
30 includes administering the sale of sporting event tickets to

1 consumers.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.