
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1794 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HOWARD, DELLOSO, FREEMAN, INNAMORATO, KINSEY,
MADDEN, SCHLOSSBERG AND SIMS, AUGUST 18, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, AUGUST 18, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in commercial protection, prohibiting
3 confession of judgment provisions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Part IV of Title 12 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 55

9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10 Sec.

11 5501. Confession of judgment provisions prohibited.

12 § 5501. Confession of judgment provisions prohibited.

13 (a) General rule.--No contract or agreement entered into
14 between parties may contain a provision that authorizes one
15 party to confess judgment against another party to the contract
16 or agreement.

17 (b) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) does not apply to a contract
18 or agreement entered into:

1 (1) prior to the effective date of this section; or
2 (2) by the Commonwealth or a municipality pursuant to
3 statute.

4 (c) Effect.--A confession of judgment provision in violation
5 of this section is void and unenforceable.

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