
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SCHWEYER, KORTZ, McNEILL, DeLUCA, ROZZI, CIRESI, SANCHEZ AND
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, JUNE 8, 2020

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 and for
7 unlawful acts or practices and exclusions.

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, is amended by adding a subclause to
13 read:

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

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

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19 (xxii) The assessment of penalties or fees by a financial
20 institution for the early withdrawal of certificates of deposit

1 by an individual during the proclamation of disaster emergency
2 issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B.
3 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster
4 emergency.

5 Section 2. Section 3 of the act is amended to read:

6 Section 3. Unlawful Acts or Practices; Exclusions.--Unfair
7 methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices
8 in the conduct of any trade or commerce as defined by subclauses
9 (i) through [~~(xxi)~~] (xxii) of clause (4) of section 2 of this
10 act and regulations promulgated under section 3.1 of this act
11 are hereby declared unlawful. The provisions of this act shall
12 not apply to any owner, agent or employe of any radio or
13 television station, or to any owner, publisher, printer, agent
14 or employe of an Internet service provider or a newspaper or
15 other publication, periodical or circular, who, in good faith
16 and without knowledge of the falsity or deceptive character
17 thereof, publishes, causes to be published or takes part in the
18 publication of such advertisement.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.