

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 81 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY VENKAT, MATZIE, MEHAFFIE, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, KHAN, CIRESI, SANCHEZ, DONAHUE, WARREN, FREEMAN, FLEMING, KENYATTA, PIELLI AND POWELL, JANUARY 10, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, JANUARY 10, 2025

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," providing for prohibition of certain fee charges.

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

9 Section 1. The act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387),  
 10 known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law,  
 11 is amended by adding a section to read:

12 Section 3.2. Prohibition of certain fee charges.--(a)  
 13 Subject to Federal law and regulation, a person may not charge a  
 14 consumer an additional rate or fee or a differential in the rate  
 15 or fee associated with payment on an account when the consumer  
 16 chooses to pay by the United States mail or receive a paper  
 17 billing statement.

18 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a  
 19 person from offering consumers a credit or other incentive to

1 elect a specific payment or billing option.

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