

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY VENKAT, KHAN, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, PISCIOTTANO, SANCHEZ, CERRATO, DONAHUE, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, STEELE, KENYATTA, PROBST AND KIM, MAY 20, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, MAY 20, 2024

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.