
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 837 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MURT, BAKER, BARRAR, V. BROWN, D. COSTA, COX,
DeLUCA, DRISCOLL, FARRY, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD, MOUL, MULLERY,
NEILSON, READSHAW AND WATSON, MARCH 13, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 13, 2017

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 civil penalties.

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

9 Section 1. Section 8(b) of the act of December 17, 1968
10 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and
11 Consumer Protection Law, is amended to read:

12 Section 8. Civil Penalties.--* * *

13 (b) In any action brought under section 4 of this act, if
14 the court finds that a person, firm or corporation is wilfully
15 using or has wilfully used a method, act or practice declared
16 unlawful by section 3 of this act, the Attorney General or the
17 appropriate District Attorney, acting in the name of the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, may recover, on behalf of the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a civil penalty of not exceeding

1 [one] ten thousand dollars [~~(\$1,000)~~] (\$10,000) per violation,
2 which civil penalty shall be in addition to other relief which
3 may be granted under sections 4 and 4.1 of this act. Where the
4 victim of the wilful use of a method, act or practice declared
5 unlawful by section 3 of this act is sixty years of age or
6 older, the civil penalty shall not exceed [three] fifteen
7 thousand dollars [~~(\$3,000)~~] (\$15,000) per violation, which
8 penalty shall be in addition to other relief which may be
9 granted under sections 2 and 4.1 of this act.

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