

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
5 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2TTT as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 505/2TTT new)

7 Sec. 2TTT. Non-disparagement clauses in consumer
8 contracts.

9 (a) A contract or a proposed contract for the sale or lease
10 of consumer merchandise or services may not include a provision
11 waiving the consumer's right to make any statement regarding
12 the seller or lessor or the employees or agents of the seller
13 or lessor or concerning the merchandise or services.

14 (b) It is an unlawful practice to threaten or to seek to
15 enforce a provision made unlawful under this Section or to
16 otherwise penalize a consumer for making any statement
17 protected under this Section.

18 (c) Any waiver of the provisions of this Section is
19 contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable.

20 (d) This Section may not be construed to prohibit or limit
21 a person or business that hosts online consumer reviews or
22 comments from removing a statement that is otherwise lawful to
23 remove.