

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB4698

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 510/2

from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 312

Amends the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Includes within the scope of the Act knowingly making a false or misleading statement in a privacy policy published on the Internet or otherwise distributed or published regarding the use of personal information submitted by members of the public.

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1 AN ACT concerning business.

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

- Section 5. The Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:
- 6 (815 ILCS 510/2) (from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 312)
- 7 Sec. 2. Deceptive trade practices.
- 8 (a) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in
 9 the course of his or her business, vocation, or occupation, the
 10 person:
- 11 (1) passes off goods or services as those of another;
- 12 (2) causes likelihood of confusion or of 13 misunderstanding as to the source, sponsorship, approval, 14 or certification of goods or services;
 - (3) causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to affiliation, connection, or association with or certification by another;
 - (4) uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with goods or services;
 - (5) represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation,

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- (6) represents that goods are original or new if they are deteriorated, altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand;
- (7) represents that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade or that goods are a particular style or model, if they are of another;
- (8) disparages the goods, services, or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact;
- (9) advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (10) advertises goods or services with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity;
- (11) makes false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions;
- (12) engages in any other conduct which similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding;
- (13) knowingly makes a false or misleading statement in a disclosure of practices regarding uses of information collected in connection with a privacy policy, published on the Internet or otherwise distributed or published, regarding the use of personal information submitted by members of the public.
- (b) In order to prevail in an action under this Act, a

- 1 plaintiff need not prove competition between the parties or
- 2 actual confusion or misunderstanding.
- 3 (c) This Section does not affect unfair trade practices
- 4 otherwise actionable at common law or under other statutes of
- 5 this State.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01)