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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 6-13.1-16 of the General Laws in Chapter 6-13.1 entitled

2   "Deceptive Trade Practices" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3   **6-13.1-16. Disclosure of service contract agreements. --** (a) It shall be a deceptive trade

4   practice in violation of this chapter for any service contractor to fail to disclose to any person who

5   is a prospective customer, at the time that the person makes initial contact by any means with the

6   service contractor, that a service call made by the service contractor to the home or business of

7   the prospective customer will require the payment by the prospective customer of separate, and

8   distinct, and itemized fees for the following:

9   (1) Service charge -- the fee charged by the service contractor to respond to the request

10   for service.

11   (2) Labor charge.

12   (3) Parts and materials.

13   (b) As used in this section:

14   (1) "Service contractor" means a person engaged in the business of repairing,

15   overhauling, adjusting, assembling, or disassembling consumer goods.

16   (2) "Person" means a natural person, corporation, trust, partnership, incorporated or

17   unincorporated association, and any other legal entity.

1   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

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1   This act would make the failure to disclose separate, distinct and itemized fees for parts

2   and materials, by a service contractor, to a prospective customer, a deceptive trade practice.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.

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