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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits service repair contractors from charging hourly rates for travel time.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning service repair contractors, and supplementing
2 P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.).

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. It shall be an unlawful practice for a person to charge a
8 consumer an hourly fee for time spent traveling to or from the
9 consumer's residence or other location pursuant to a service repair
10 contract.

11 b. As used in this section, "service repair contract" means a
12 contract or agreement to perform the maintenance, servicing,
13 replacement, or repair of tangible personal property, whether over a
14 fixed period of time or for a specific duration.

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16 2. This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill makes it an unlawful practice under the consumer fraud
22 act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.), for a person to charge a
23 consumer an hourly fee for time spent traveling to or from the
24 consumer's residence or other location pursuant to a service repair
25 contract.

26 An unlawful practice under the consumer fraud act is punishable
27 by a monetary penalty of not more than \$10,000 for a first offense
28 and not more than \$20,000 for any subsequent offense. In addition,
29 violations can result in cease and desist orders issued by the
30 Attorney General, the assessment of punitive damages and the
31 awarding of treble damages and costs to the injured party.