
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii residents are
2 often barred from claiming offers for free or reduced rate
3 shipping, which are more commonly available to purchasers in
4 other states. Many retailers also apply an arbitrary shipping
5 cost to Hawaii residents, which does not correlate with the
6 actual cost of shipping. The purpose of this Act is to
7 establish that charging shipping and delivery charges that
8 exceed the actual cost to ship or deliver a commodity to a
9 consumer in Hawaii shall constitute an unfair and deceptive
10 practice.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 481B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§481B- Shipping charges. In the sale or purchase of
15 any commodity to be shipped or delivered to a consumer in this
16 State, if a separate charge for shipping or delivery is charged



1 to a consumer, that charge shall not exceed the actual cost to
2 ship or deliver the commodity to a consumer in this State."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Deceptive Trade Practices; Shipping Charges

Description:

Establishes that charging shipping and delivery charges that exceed the actual cost to ship or deliver a commodity to a consumer in Hawaii shall constitute an unfair and deceptive practice. (SD1)

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