
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.

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish that charging
8 shipping and delivery charges that exceed the actual cost
9 charged to the seller to ship or deliver goods to a consumer in
10 the State shall constitute an unfair and deceptive 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 or delivery charges. In the sale or
15 purchase of any goods to be shipped or delivered to a consumer
16 in the State, if a seller imposes a separate charge for shipping
17 or delivery to a consumer, that charge shall not exceed the



1 actual cost charged to the seller to ship or deliver the goods
2 to a consumer in the State."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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Report Title:

Deceptive Trade Practices; Shipping Charges; Delivery Charges;
Goods

Description:

Establishes that charging shipping and delivery charges that exceed the actual cost charged to the seller to ship or deliver goods to a consumer in the State constitutes an unfair and deceptive practice. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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