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SYNOPSIS

Limits general application of certain consumer contracts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain consumer contracts and supplementing
2 Title 56 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. A consumer contract for a service offered by a company
8 shall apply solely to the service offered by the company and
9 purchased by the consumer. The consumer contract shall not
10 contain provisions that allow or require the contract to govern the
11 circumstances under which the consumer purchases other products
12 or services from the contracting company, or an affiliate of the
13 company, that are not offered pursuant to the contract.

14 b. As used in this section:

15 “Consumer contract” means a written agreement in which an
16 individual contracts for a service, that is obtained for personal,
17 family, or household purposes. “Consumer contract” does not
18 include a written agreement involving a transaction in securities
19 with a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange
20 Commission, or a transaction in commodities with a futures
21 commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures
22 Trading Commission.

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24 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day next following
25 enactment and shall apply to consumer contracts entered into or
26 renewed on or after that date.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill limits the general application of certain consumer
32 contracts.

33 Under the bill, a consumer contract for a service offered by a
34 company must apply solely to the service offered by the company
35 and purchased by the consumer. The consumer contract will be
36 prohibited from containing provisions that allow or require the
37 contract to govern the circumstances under which the consumer
38 purchases other products or services from the contracting company,
39 or an affiliate of the company, that are not offered pursuant to the
40 contract.

41 For the purpose of this bill, “consumer contract” means a written
42 agreement in which an individual contracts for a service and is
43 obtained for personal, family, or household purposes. “Consumer
44 contract” does not include a written agreement involving a
45 transaction in securities with a broker-dealer registered with the
46 Securities and Exchange Commission, or a transaction in
47 commodities with a futures commission merchant registered with
48 the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.