HB0729/803825/1

BY: Senator Kittleman

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 729, AS AMENDED (Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (HB0729/608575/3) in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, strike beginning with "Class" in line 2 down through "Unenforceability" in line 3 and substitute "<u>Agreements with Business Entities</u> -<u>Arbitration Clause</u>"; strike beginning with "providing" in line 4 down through "agreement" in line 10 and substitute "<u>providing that an arbitration clause that is in a</u> <u>written agreement between a business entity and an employee or a business entity</u> <u>and a consumer of its products or services must be conspicuously distinct from other</u> <u>provisions in the agreement and located on the signature page of the agreement or</u> <u>initialed by the employee or consumer; and generally relating to arbitration clauses in</u> <u>agreements with business entities</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 of the bill, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 10, inclusive, and substitute:

"<u>AN ARBITRATION CLAUSE THAT IS IN A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN</u> <u>A BUSINESS ENTITY AND AN EMPLOYEE OR A BUSINESS ENTITY AND A</u> <u>CONSUMER OF ITS PRODUCTS OR SERVICES MUST BE:</u>

(1) CONSPICUOUSLY DISTINCT FROM OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENT; AND

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(2) (I) LOCATED ON THE SIGNATURE PAGE OF THE AGREEMENT; OR

(II) INITIALED BY THE EMPLOYEE OR CONSUMER.";

and in line 11, strike "<u>3.</u>" and substitute "<u>2.</u>".