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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Consumer Goods Movers - Receipts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a consumer goods mover, on completion of consumer  
4 goods moving services, to provide a consumer with a certain written receipt;  
5 authorizing the Attorney General to institute a civil action against any person  
6 that violates this Act to recover for the State a certain penalty for each violation;  
7 providing that for purposes of this Act, each prohibited failure to provide a  
8 consumer with a certain written receipt is an independent violation; authorizing  
9 the Attorney General to seek a certain injunction; defining certain terms;  
10 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to consumer  
11 goods movers.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Commercial Law

14 Section 14-3201 through 14-3204, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle

15 "Subtitle 32. Consumer Goods Movers - Receipts"

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Commercial Law**

21 **SUBTITLE 32. CONSUMER GOODS MOVERS - RECEIPTS.**

22 14-3201.

23 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS

24 INDICATED.

25 (B) "CONSUMER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 13-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 (C) "CONSUMER GOODS" MEANS GOODS USED PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL,  
2 FAMILY, OR HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES.

3 (D) (1) "CONSUMER GOODS MOVING SERVICES" MEANS THE LOADING,  
4 PACKING, MOVING, TRANSPORTING, STORING WHILE IN TRANSIT, UNLOADING, OR  
5 OTHERWISE TAKING POSSESSION OR CONTROL FROM A CONSUMER OF CONSUMER  
6 GOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOVING THEM TO ANOTHER LOCATION AT THE  
7 DIRECTION OF THE CONSUMER FOR A FEE.

8 (2) "CONSUMER GOODS MOVING SERVICES" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
9 MOVING CONSUMER GOODS FOR DISPOSAL OR DESTRUCTION.

10 (E) "MOVER" MEANS A PERSON WHO PROVIDES CONSUMER GOODS MOVING  
11 SERVICES.

12 14-3202.

13 THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO A CONSUMER GOODS MOVER PROVIDING  
14 CONSUMER GOODS MOVING SERVICES FOR AN INTRASTATE MOVE.

15 14-3203.

16 ON COMPLETION OF CONSUMER GOODS MOVING SERVICES FOR A CONSUMER, A  
17 CONSUMER GOODS MOVER SHALL PROVIDE THE CONSUMER WITH A WRITTEN  
18 RECEIPT THAT STATES:

19 (1) THE CONSUMER GOODS MOVER'S LEGAL NAME; AND

20 (2) THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF:

21 (I) THE CONSUMER GOODS MOVER'S RESIDENT AGENT IN THE  
22 STATE; OR

23 (II) IF THE CONSUMER GOODS MOVER DOES NOT HAVE A RESIDENT  
24 AGENT IN THE STATE, THE CONSUMER GOODS MOVER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF  
25 BUSINESS.

26 14-3204.

27 (A) (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY INSTITUTE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST  
28 ANY PERSON THAT VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE TO RECOVER FOR THE STATE A CIVIL  
29 PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION.

30 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH FAILURE TO PROVIDE A  
31 CONSUMER WITH A WRITTEN RECEIPT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF §  
32 14-3203 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS AN INDEPENDENT VIOLATION.

33 (B) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SEEK AN INJUNCTION IN A CIVIL ACTION  
34 TO PROHIBIT A PERSON THAT IS ENGAGED IN A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE FROM  
35 CONTINUING TO ENGAGE IN THE VIOLATION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2004.