

(H. B. 1497)

(No. 42)

(Approved January 27, 2006)

## **AN ACT**

To direct the Secretary of the Department of Consumer Affairs to amend Regulation No. 6772 of February 19, 2004, known as the Regulation for Deceitful Practices and Advertising in order to establish the necessary measures to enforce the obligation of all merchants authorized to do business in Puerto Rico, as well as of all service providers, to issue a receipt which shall state the date of the transaction, the nature of the product or service, the person or entity receiving the payment, the amount paid and the method of payment used in a legible form, to consumers upon payment through any means, in any transaction involving the purchase/sale of products, articles or services; and for other related purposes.

### **STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

One of the sound administration practices in business is that when a purchase/sale transaction is made, a receipt is obtained for the payment made. With the receipt, the claim of the rights of consumers before the Department of Consumer Affairs (DACO, Spanish acronym) is expedited, should the product, article or service turn out to be deficient or causes an injury, in addition to the fact the evidence of the expense is often necessary for tax purposes.

At present, there are commercial establishments that, as part of their business operating policy, have established the compulsory delivery of a purchase receipt to the consumer, even offering remuneration if said receipt is not handed over. However, it is not a legal requirement at present that the sale of articles or services include a receipt for the payment thereof.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:**

Section 1.- The Secretary of the Department of Consumer Affairs is hereby directed to amend Regulation No. 6772 of February 19, 2004, known as the Regulation for Deceitful Practices and Advertising in order to establish the necessary measures in the Regulation to enforce the obligation of all merchants authorized to do business in Puerto Rico, as well as of all service providers, to issue a receipt which shall legibly state the date of the transaction, the nature of the product or service, the person or entity receiving the payment, the amount paid and the method of payment used, to consumers upon payment through any means, in any transaction involving the purchase/sale of products, articles or services. Neither the consumer nor the merchant shall condition the acceptance or issue of the receipt to its showing incorrect information.

Section 2.- This Act shall take effect sixty (60) days after its approval.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 42 (H.B.1497) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> Legislature of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 10<sup>th</sup> of May of 2006.

Francisco J. Domenech  
Director

