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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2036

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 4-88-107(a) TO INCLUDE
AMONG THE LISTED DECEPTIVE AND UNCONSCIONABLE TRADE
PRACTICES THE MARKETING, ASSEMBLY, DRAFTING, OR FUNDING OF
TRUST DOCUMENTS BY A NON-LAWYER; TO PROVIDE FOR
EXEMPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AN ACT CONCERNING DECEPTIVE TRADE
PRACTICES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 4-88-107(a) is amended to read as follows:

"4-88-107. Deceptive and unconscionable trade practices generally

(a) Deceptive and unconscionable trade practices made unlawful and prohibited by this chapter include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Knowingly making a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services, or as to whether goods are original or new, or of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model;

(2) Disparaging the goods, services, or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact;

(3) Advertising the goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised;

(4) Refusal of a retailer to deliver to a customer purchasing any electronic or mechanical apparatus the record of warranty and statement of service availability which the manufacturer includes in the original

1 carton or container of the product or the refusal to make available, on
2 request, information relating thereto;

3 (5) The employment of bait-and-switch advertising, consisting of
4 an attractive but insincere offer to sell a product or service which the
5 seller in truth does not intend or desire to sell, evidenced by a refusal to
6 show or disparagement of the advertised product, the requirement of a tie-in
7 sale or other undisclosed conditions precedent to the purchase, demonstrating
8 a defective product, or other acts demonstrating an intent not to sell the
9 advertised product or services;

10 (6) Knowingly failing to identify flood, water, fire, or
11 accidentally damaged goods as to such damages;

12 (7) Making a false representation that contributions solicited
13 for charitable purposes shall be spent in a specific manner or for specified
14 purposes;

15 (8) Knowingly taking advantage of a consumer who is reasonably
16 unable to protect his or her interest because of physical infirmity,
17 ignorance, illiteracy, inability to understand the language of the agreement,
18 or a similar factor;

19 (9) *The offering for sale, assembly, drafting, of any trust*
20 *document, including a living trust, by a non-lawyer excluding the marketing,*
21 *assembly and funding by bank trust departments and trust companies; and*

22 (10) Engaging in any other unconscionable, false, or deceptive
23 act or practice in business, commerce, or trade."
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25 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
26 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
27 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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29 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.
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35 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

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/s/Rep. Von Grep, et al

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