

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Bedbug
5 Inspection Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Merchant" means a person who, in the ordinary course of
8 business, regularly rents or leases furniture or electronic
9 equipment to customers, but does not include a person who
10 offers any lease that is automatically renewable with each
11 payment after the initial period and that permits the consumer
12 to become the owner of the merchandise.

13 "Pest" means undesirable insects including, but not
14 limited to, bedbugs and roaches.

15 "Rent" means the transfer of possession property or right
16 of possession property for consideration.

17 Section 10. Inspection. A merchant must inspect any
18 previously rented furniture and equipment before renting the
19 furniture or equipment to a subsequent customer.

20 Section 15. Treatment required. If an inspection reveals
21 the presence of pests, the merchant must treat the furniture or

1 equipment to eradicate the pests before renting the furniture
2 or equipment to a subsequent customer.

3 Section 20. Action for damages. A person who suffers
4 damages caused by a merchant's violation of this Act and
5 reports the presence of a pest to the merchant within 45 days
6 after the beginning of the rental may bring an action pursuant
7 to Section 10a of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
8 Practices Act under the standards applicable to the holder of a
9 retail installment contract.