

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB5161

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 505/2WWW new

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that it is an unlawful practice for a medical alert system operator to attempt to impose liability upon a person not a party to a contract upon the death of the person who is a party to the contract. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning business.

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

- Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business

 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2WWW as follows:
- 6 (815 ILCS 505/2WWW new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 2WWW. Medical alert services.</u>
- 8 (a) As used in this Section, "medical alert system
 9 operator" means a person that operates a service that enables a
 10 consumer to obtain assistance by initiating contact with the
 11 medical alert system operator by means of activating a device
 12 made available by the medical alert system operator under a
- contract that requires periodic payments by the consumer.
- 14 <u>(b) A medical alert system operator may not, upon the death</u>
 15 <u>of the consumer under contract with the operator, impose or</u>
- seek to impose liability for the unexpired term of the contract
- 17 upon any person other than a party to the contract.
- 18 <u>(c) A violation of this Section constitutes an unlawful</u>
 19 practice within the meaning of this Act.
- 20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 21 becoming law.