

1 AN ACT concerning consumer protection.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 4-601 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/4-601 new)

7 Sec. 4-601. Consumer protection laws.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that consumer protection is
9 vital to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois consumers.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
11 Commission and its staff shall:

12 (1) work cooperatively with law enforcement
13 authorities, including the Attorney General and State's
14 Attorneys, in their enforcement of consumer protection
15 laws, including the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
16 Practices Act;

17 (2) provide any materials or documents already in the
18 Commission's possession requested by the Attorney General
19 or a State's Attorney pertaining to the enforcement of
20 consumer protection laws; any materials or documents that
21 are proprietary shall not be made public unless the
22 designation as proprietary has been removed by a court or
23 legal body of competent jurisdiction, or the agreement of
24 the parties; and

25 (3) upon written request, forward any complaints
26 regarding alleged violations of any consumer protection
27 law to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the
28 appropriate county or counties.

29 (c) Subject to subdivision (1) of Section 10b of the
30 Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, the
31 Attorney General and the State's Attorney of any county shall
32 have available all remedies and authority granted to them by

1 the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. The
2 remedies for violations of this Act and its rules are not
3 intended to replace other remedies that may be imposed for
4 violations of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
5 Practices Act and are in addition to, and not in substitution
6 for, such other remedies, nor is this Act intended to remove
7 any statutorily defined defenses.

8 Section 10. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
9 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 10d as follows:

10 (815 ILCS 505/10d new)

11 Sec. 10d. Public Utilities Act; Illinois Commerce
12 Commission.

13 (a) The General Assembly finds that consumer protection is
14 vital to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois consumers.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
16 Illinois Commerce Commission and its staff shall:

17 (1) work cooperatively with law enforcement
18 authorities, including the Attorney General and State's
19 Attorneys, in their enforcement of consumer protection
20 laws, including this Act;

21 (2) provide any materials or documents already in the
22 Commission's possession requested by the Attorney General
23 or a State's Attorney pertaining to the enforcement of
24 consumer protection laws; any materials or documents that
25 are proprietary shall not be made public unless the
26 designation as proprietary has been removed by a court or
27 legal body of competent jurisdiction, or the agreement of
28 the parties; and

29 (3) upon written request, forward any complaints
30 regarding alleged violations of any consumer protection
31 law to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the
32 appropriate county or counties.

33 (c) Subject to subdivision (1) of Section 10b of this Act,
34 the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of any county

1 shall have available all remedies and authority granted to them
2 by this Act. The remedies for violations of the Public
3 Utilities Act and its rules are not intended to replace other
4 remedies that may be imposed for violations of this Act and are
5 in addition to, and not in substitution for, such other
6 remedies, nor is this Section intended to remove any
7 statutorily defined defenses.