SENATE BILL NO. 339

February 23, 1999, Introduced by Senators ROGERS, STEIL, HAMMERSTROM, BULLARD and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend 1971 PA 227, entitled

"An act to prescribe the rights and duties of parties to home solicitation sales,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 445.111), as amended by 1998 PA 126.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Home solicitation sale" means a sale of goods or serv-
- 3 ices of more than \$25.00 in which the seller or a person acting
- 4 for the seller engages in a personal, -written, or telephonic,
- 5 OR WRITTEN solicitation of the sale, the solicitation is received
- 6 by the buyer at a residence of the buyer, and the buyer's agree-
- 7 ment or offer to purchase is there given to the seller or a
- 8 person acting for the seller. Home solicitation sale includes a
- 9 sale arising from a postcard or other written notice delivered to
- 10 a buyer's residence that requests that the buyer contact the

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- 1 seller or seller's agent by telephone to inquire about a good or
- 2 service, unless a postcard or other written notice concerns a
- 3 previous purchase or order or specifies the price of the good or
- 4 service and accurately describes the good or service. Home
- 5 solicitation sale does not include -a ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 6 (i) A sale made pursuant to a preexisting revolving charge
- 7 account. -, a
- **8** (ii) A sale made pursuant to prior negotiations between the
- 9 parties at a business establishment at a fixed location where
- 10 goods or services are offered or exhibited for sale. , a
- 11 (iii) A sale of insurance by an insurance agent licensed by
- 12 the commissioner of insurance. —, a
- 13 (iv) A SALE MADE AT A FIXED LOCATION OF A BUSINESS ESTAB-
- 14 LISHMENT WHERE GOODS OR SERVICES ARE OFFERED OR EXHIBITED FOR
- **15** SALE.
- (v) A sale made pursuant to a printed advertisement in a
- 17 publication of general circulation. , or a
- 18 (vi) A sale of services by a real estate broker or salesper-
- 19 son licensed by the department of consumer and industry
- 20 services. Home solicitation sale does not include a
- 21 (vii) A sale of agricultural or horticultural equipment and
- 22 machinery that is demonstrated to the consumer by the vendor at
- 23 the request of either or both of the parties.
- 24 (b) "Fixed location" means a place of business where the
- 25 seller or an agent, servant, employee, or solicitor of that
- 26 seller primarily engages in the sale of goods or services of the
- 27 same kind as would be sold at the residence of a buyer.

- 1 (c) "Business day" means Monday through Friday and does not
- 2 include Saturday, Sunday, or the following business holidays:
- 3 New Year's day, Martin Luther King's birthday, Washington's
- 4 birthday, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Columbus
- 5 day, Veterans' day, Thanksgiving day, and Christmas day.
- 6 (D) "FEDERALLY INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION" MEANS A STATE
- 7 OR NATIONAL BANK, STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, STATE OR FEDERAL
- 8 SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- 9 THAT HOLDS DEPOSITS INSURED BY AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.
- 10 (E) "GOODS OR SERVICES" DOES NOT INCLUDE EITHER OF THE
- 11 FOLLOWING:
- 12 (i) A LOAN, DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, OR TRUST ACCOUNT LAWFULLY
- 13 OFFERED OR PROVIDED BY A FEDERALLY INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION
- 14 OR A SUBSIDIARY OR AFFILIATE OF A FEDERALLY INSURED DEPOSITORY
- 15 INSTITUTION.
- 16 (ii) AN EXTENSION OF CREDIT THAT IS SUBJECT TO ANY OF THE
- 17 FOLLOWING ACTS:
- 18 (A) THE MORTGAGE BROKERS, LENDERS, AND SERVICERS LICENSING
- 19 ACT, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651 TO 445.1684.
- 20 (B) THE SECONDARY MORTGAGE LOAN ACT, 1981 PA 125, MCL 493.51
- **21** TO 493.81.
- 22 (C) THE REGULATORY LOAN ACT OF 1963, 1939 PA 21, MCL 493.1
- **23** TO 493.26.
- 24 (D) THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT, 1988 PA 161, MCL
- **25** 487.2051 TO 487.2072.
- **26** (E) 1984 PA 379, MCL 493.101 TO 493.114.

- 1 (F) THE MOTOR VEHICLE SALES FINANCE ACT, 1950 (EX SESS) PA
- **2** 27, MCL 492.101 TO 492.141.
- 3 (F) "WRITTEN SOLICITATION" MEANS A POSTCARD OR OTHER WRITTEN
- 4 NOTICE DELIVERED TO A BUYER'S RESIDENCE THAT REQUESTS THAT THE
- 5 BUYER CONTACT THE SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENT BY TELEPHONE TO
- 6 INQUIRE ABOUT A GOOD OR SERVICE, UNLESS THE POSTCARD OR OTHER
- 7 WRITTEN NOTICE CONCERNS A PREVIOUS PURCHASE OR ORDER OR SPECIFIES
- 8 THE PRICE OF THE GOOD OR SERVICE AND ACCURATELY DESCRIBES THE
- 9 GOOD OR SERVICE.