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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to consumer services; providing that it is a deceptive and unfair trade practice to bill a consumer after a free trial period without permission; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. It is a deceptive and unfair trade practice under part II of chapter 501, Florida Statutes, to begin billing a consumer for goods or services at the end of a free trial period unless the person offering the goods or services has contacted the consumer after the free trial period has ended and the consumer has provided positive permission to be billed for the goods or services at that time.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

SENATE SUMMARY

Makes it a deceptive and unfair trade practice to bill a consumer for goods and services when a free trial period has ended without specific permission of the consumer at that time.