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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --  
DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Introduced By: Senator Matthew L. LaMountain

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 6-13.1 of the General Laws entitled "Deceptive Trade Practices" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **6-13.1-31. Misrepresentation of total cost for goods and services.**

4           It shall be a deceptive trade practice in violation of this chapter for any retail establishment  
5 offering goods or services for sale to misrepresent the total cost of goods and services by omission  
6 of notification to consumers of any mandatory fees from advertised prices of those goods and  
7 services and/or to misrepresent or fail to disclose the nature and purpose of any fees.

8           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would prohibit misrepresentation of the total costs of goods and services by  
2 omission of notification to consumers of any mandatory fees from advertised prices and failure to  
3 disclose the nature and purpose of any fees.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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