

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 21, 2009

### **An Act To Protect Consumers from Charges after a Free Trial Period**

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Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2009. Referred to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HUNT of Buxton.  
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, EVES of North Berwick, WALSH INNES of  
Yarmouth, McCABE of Skowhegan, SMITH of Monmouth, VAN WIE of New Gloucester,  
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1210-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 210, §1, is repealed and the  
3 following enacted in its place:

4 **§1210-A. Charges after trial period**

5 A merchant may not offer a consumer a product or service for a free trial period if, as  
6 a result of accepting the product or service for the free trial period, the consumer is  
7 required to contact the merchant to avoid receiving additional products or services and  
8 incurring a financial obligation for those additional products or services.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill prohibits a merchant from offering a consumer product or service for a free  
11 trial period if the consumer is required to contact the merchant to avoid receiving  
12 additional products or services and incurring a financial obligation.