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HOUSE BILL 776

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION; PROVIDING THAT AUTOMATIC RENEWAL TERMS EXCEEDING ONE MONTH IN CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES TO A CONSUMER CONSTITUTE AN UNFAIR PRACTICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Unfair Practices Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SERVICE CONTRACTS--AUTOMATIC RENEWALS PROHIBITED.--

A. In any contract for services provided to a residential consumer, it is unlawful to require automatic renewal of the contract for a term greater than one month.

B. A violation of Subsection A of this section constitutes an unfair or deceptive trade practice pursuant to the Unfair Practices Act."