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SB-15

AN ACT REQUIRING FEE DISCLOSURES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	62,976	83,968
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	25,978	34,637

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits advertising, displaying, or offering pricing for certain items or services unless the total price is disclosed clearly and makes violations an unfair or deceptive trade practice resulting in a cost to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) and the State Comptroller.

To meet the requirements of the bill DCP will need to hire one staff attorney resulting in a cost of \$62,976 in FY 25² and \$83,968 in FY 26, along with corresponding fringe benefits costs of \$25,978 in FY 25 and \$34,637 in FY 26. The additional employee is needed to manage and review the complaints, investigate the cases, and conduct settlement negotiation and case preparation.

The Out Years

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

² FY 25 costs reflect 9 months of salary due to the bill's October 1, 2024 effective date.

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The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to employee wage increases.