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AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 234,000	Up to 234,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 93,000	Up to 93,000
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment significantly broadens an unfair trade practice (CUTPA) violation related to price increases resulting in a potential cost to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) and the State Comptroller. DCP will need to hire up to three new positions² to investigate and enforce the broadened CUTPA resulting in a potential cost for salaries and other expenses of up to \$234,000 per year, and an associated fringe benefit cost of up to \$93,000 per year.

The amendment also removes a fine of up to \$99 per violation

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 The positions include two special investigators and one staff attorney.

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resulting in a potential revenue loss to the state to the extent violations occur.

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