

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 141
SENATE BILL 839

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EXEMPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM THE
THREE-DAY RIGHT TO CANCEL PROVISIONS OF OFF-PREMISES SALES
TO THE EXISTING EXEMPTION UNDER THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT
SALES ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-401.13(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Off-Premises Sale. – A sale, lease, or rental of consumer goods or services with a purchase price of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more, whether under single or multiple contracts, in which the seller or his representative personally solicits the sale, including those in response to or following an invitation by the buyer, and the buyer's agreement or offer to purchase is made at a place other than the place of business of the seller. The term 'off-premises sale' does not include a transaction:
 - a. Made pursuant to prior negotiations in the course of a visit by the buyer to a retail business establishment having a fixed permanent location where the goods are exhibited or the services are offered for sale on a continuing basis; or
 - b. In which the consumer is accorded the right of rescission by the provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1635) or regulations issued pursuant thereto; or
 - c. In which the buyer has initiated the contact and the goods or services are needed to meet a bona fide immediate personal emergency of the buyer, and the buyer furnishes the seller with a separate dated and signed personal statement in the buyer's handwriting describing the situation requiring immediate remedy and expressly acknowledging and waiving the right to cancel the sale within three business days; or
 - d. Conducted and consummated entirely by mail or telephone; and without any other contact between the buyer and the seller or its representative prior to delivery of the goods or performance of the services; or
 - e. In which the buyer has initiated the contact and specifically requested the seller to visit his home for the purpose of

repairing or performing maintenance upon the buyer's property. If in the course of such a visit, the seller sells the buyer the right to receive additional services or goods other than replacement parts necessarily used in performing the maintenance or in making the repairs, the sale of those additional goods or services would not fall within this exclusion; or

f. Pertaining to the sale or rental of real property, to the sale of insurance or to the sale of securities or commodities by a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission; or

g. Executed at an ~~auetion~~-auetion; or

h. Sales of motor vehicles defined in G.S. 20-286(10) by motor vehicle sales representatives licensed pursuant to G.S. 20-287 et seq.

- (2) Consumer Goods or Services. – Goods or services purchased, leased, or rented primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, including courses of instruction or training regardless of the purpose for which they are taken.
- (3) Seller. – Any person, partnership, corporation, or association engaged in the off-premises sale of consumer goods or services. However, a nonprofit corporation or association, or member or employee thereof acting on behalf of such an association or corporation, shall not be a seller within the meaning of this section.
- (4) Place of Business. – The main or permanent branch office or local address of a seller.
- (5) Purchase Price. – The total price paid or to be paid for the consumer goods or services, including all interest and service charges.
- (6) Business Day. – Any calendar day except Sunday, or the following business holidays: New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and ~~Easter Monday~~-Good Friday."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of June, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives