

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 833

Short Title: Protect Consumers/Ads for Lodging.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

Referred to: Commerce.

March 23, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS WITH THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF BEDS REPRESENTED AT THE TIME OF ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS THAT ARE PREPAID OR GUARANTEED BY CREDIT CARD IS AN UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 75 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 75-39. Representations regarding accommodations for lodging.

Any person, firm, or corporation that advertises for rent in this State accommodations for overnight lodging must include in the advertisements accurate information that includes the total number of rooms available for rent as overnight lodging and the number and size of beds in those rooms, and must provide the accommodation with the specific number and specific size of beds as represented at the time of accepting a reservation. Failure to provide the accommodations with the specific number and the specific size of beds represented at the time of accepting a reservation to a person who has prepaid for the accommodations or has guaranteed the price of the accommodations by credit card is an unfair and deceptive trade practice under this Article."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2006, and applies to contracts entered into on or after that date.