

Amendment Summary

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A11669 adopts into PA statute the FTC Rule concerning debt settlement. The FTC Rule, which took effect in October, 2010 deals with consumer notifications, prohibitions on the collection of advance fees, and restricting when (and how) a fee can be collected for debt settlement services.

This amendment also creates a licensing process by which debt settlement providers must obtain a license with the PA Department of Banking and notify the Department of its locations and services.

Additionally, Section 209 allows debt settlement providers licensed/registered in another state to present this information with the PA Department of Banking in order to meet registration requirements that the Department may develop. This was inserted so providers do not need to complete an additional set of PA documents if they are licensed in other states that have licensing standards similar to what is proposed in Senate Bill 1193.