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CONSUMER PROTECTION (AFFORDABILITY MEASURES) AMENDMENT ACT, 2026

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First Reading

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Committee of the Whole

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(Assented to _____, 2026)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends RSA 2000 cC-26.3

1 The *Consumer Protection Act* is amended by this Act.

2 Section 6(2) is amended by adding the following after clause (c):

- (c.1) to charge a price for goods or services that is higher than the price given in a representation by the supplier for those goods or services, other than the following amounts:
 - (i) tax payable for those goods or services under the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada);
 - (ii) in the case of goods, the actual cost to the supplier of delivering the goods to the address provided by the consumer for that purpose;

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter C-26.3 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

2 Section 6(2)(c) presently reads:

(2) It is an unfair practice for a supplier, in a consumer transaction or a proposed consumer transaction,

(c) to use exaggeration, innuendo or ambiguity as to a material fact with respect to the consumer transaction;

3 The following is added after section 41.6:

**Part 3.2
Cancellation of Internet Sales
Contracts in Respect of
Ongoing Consumer Transactions**

Definitions

41.7 In this Part,

- (a) “Internet” means the decentralized global network connecting networks of computers and similar devices to each other for the electronic exchange of information using standardized computer protocols;
- (b) “Internet sales contract” means a consumer transaction that is a contract in which
 - (i) the total consideration for the goods or services provided under the contract exceeds \$50, and
 - (ii) the contract is formed by text-based Internet communications.

Application

41.8(1) This Part applies to an Internet sales contract that is

- (a) in respect of an ongoing consumer transaction,
- (b) entered into after this Part comes into force, and
- (c) a contract in which
 - (i) the supplier or consumer is a resident of Alberta, or
 - (ii) the offer or acceptance is made in or is sent from Alberta.

(2) This Part does not apply to a class of Internet sales contract exempted in the regulations.

Online cancellation option required

41.9(1) A supplier must, on the supplier’s website, provide a mechanism by which a consumer may exercise any right of cancellation the consumer has under an Internet sales contract to which this Part applies.

3 Part 3.2 Cancellation of Internet Sales Contracts in Respect of Ongoing Consumer Transactions.

(2) The mechanism referred to in subsection (1) must meet the following requirements:

- (a) it must be displayed on the supplier's website in a manner that is easily identifiable by and accessible to a consumer;
- (b) it must allow the consumer to easily exercise the consumer's right of cancellation;
- (c) any other requirement prescribed by the regulations as to form, content or operation of the mechanism.

Regulations

41.91 The Minister may make regulations

- (a) exempting a class of Internet sales contract from the application of this Part;
- (b) prescribing requirements for the purposes of section 41.9(2)(c).

4 The following is added after section 54.1:

Part 7.1 Fees Charged by Private Automated Banking Machines

Definitions

54.2 In this Part,

- (a) "acquirer" means an acquirer as defined in the *Payment Card Networks Act* (Canada);
- (b) "financial institution" means a bank, credit union or treasury branch;
- (c) "payment card network operator" means a payment card network operator as defined in the *Payment Card Networks Act* (Canada);
- (d) "private automated banking machine" means an automated banking machine that is not owned or operated by a financial institution.

4 Part 7.1 Fees Charged by Private Automated Banking Machines.

Private automated banking machine fees

54.3(1) No owner or operator of a private automated banking machine may charge a fee for the use of that private automated banking machine that exceeds the lesser of the following:

- (a) \$5;
- (b) an amount equal to five percent of the cash the user is withdrawing from the private automated banking machine.

(2) For greater certainty, this section does not apply to fees charged by any of the following relating to the use of a private automated banking machine by a consumer:

- (a) an acquirer;
- (b) a financial institution;
- (c) a payment card network operator.

5 The following is added after section 57.1:

Fees to transfer ticket prohibited

57.11 No secondary seller or operator of a secondary ticketing platform may charge a fee for the transfer of a ticket to a ticket purchaser.

6 Section 161 is amended as follows:

(a) by adding the following after clause (b.1):

(b.2) in Part 3.2, section 41.9;

(b) by adding the following after clause (d):

(d.1) in Part 7.1, section 54.3;

(c) in clause (e.1), by striking out “sections 57.2” and substituting “sections 57.11, 57.2”.

7 This Act comes into force 3 months after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

5 Fees to transfer ticket prohibited.

6 Section 161 presently reads in part:

161 Any person who contravenes any of the following provisions is guilty of an offence:

(e.1) in Part 8.1, sections 57.2, 57.3(1), (3) and (4);

7 Coming into force.

