

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1022**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Vincent A. Pedone***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the protection of customers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Vincent A. Pedone</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1022) of Vincent A. Pedone relative to the protection of consumers in deferred interest transactions. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 287 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the protection of customers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any General or special law, or any rule or regulation, to  
2 the contrary, every contract for the sale of any item in the Commonwealth, which has been  
3 advertised or promoted in any way to permit a purchaser to defer any interest relating to the sale  
4 such item until either the time specified in said contract has passed or the principle price ,or any  
5 portion thereof, has been paid off, shall state conspicuously on said contract, in a similar style  
6 and size of print, the total amount of interest in dollars due and is required to be paid by said  
7 purchaser at the time said deferment and what the difference would to be in total dollars to be  
8 paid on such a sale if such a purchaser had paid for said item in full at the time of the sale and  
9 had not deferred such payment. Any such contract shall in likewise manner, and in keeping with  
10 this section, state if the amount of interest is to be started and calculated from the time of the sale  
11 of the item or if from the date of the deferment.