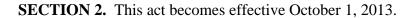
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013

H HOUSE BILL 226

Short Title:	The Free Means Free Act. (Public
Sponsors:	Representatives R. Brawley and Turner (Primary Sponsors).
	For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.
Referred to:	Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Judiciary Subcommittee B.
	March 6, 2013
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO	REGULATE WHEN PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS ENGAGED
	IMERCE MAY REPRESENT THAT OFFERED GOODS, PROPERTY, OF
	ES ARE FREE OR WITHOUT COST.
	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
	ECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 75 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
a new section	
	fering of free goods, products, and services.
	equirements No person, firm, or corporation engaged in commerce shall, in
	with the sale or lease or solicitation for the sale or lease of any goods, property, or
	esent that any goods, property, or services are free or are otherwise without cost
	the following conditions are satisfied:
<u>(1</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	obligation in connection with the goods, property, or service at any time
	including any obligation to pay for shipping, restocking, continued receipt of
(2)	the goods, property, service in the future, or any related expenses. The person firm or correction that provides the goods property or service.
<u>(2</u>	The person, firm, or corporation that provides the goods, property, or service does not obtain credit card information, debit card information, or any other
	means of charging the recipient of the goods, property, or service for presen
	or future receipt of the goods, property, or service for present
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<u>(3</u>	affirmative steps to cancel or otherwise prevent receipt of nonfree goods
	property, or services in the future.
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practice under G.S. 75-1.1."





Violations. - A violation of this Article shall be an unfair and deceptive trade