



# HOUSE BILL 379: Full Disclosure of Printer Costs.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 379 would require anyone engaged in the commerce of selling computer printers to disclose the additional costs related to operating the printer.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 379 creates a new section under Chapter 75 – Monopolies, Trusts, and Consumer Protection that requires disclosure of costs related to computer printers. Any person, firm, or corporation who engages in commerce and sells computer printers must clearly and prominently disclose the following additional costs associated with operating the printer:

- The cost of replacement ink.
- The cost of replacement toner cartridges.
- The estimated number of pages an ink or toner cartridge will print before needing replacement.

A violation of this section would be considered an unfair trade practice under Chapter 75.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective October 1, 2021.

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