

SEC. 4901. AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT.

(a) Section 5(m)(1)(A) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45(m)(1)(A)) is amended--

(1) by inserting `this Act or' after `violates' the first place such term appears;

(2) by inserting a comma after `under this Act';

(3) by inserting a comma after `subsection (a)(1)'; and

(4) by inserting `a violation of this Act or is' before `prohibited'.

(b) Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

`(o) Unlawful Assistance- It is unlawful for any person, partnership, or corporation, knowingly or recklessly, to provide substantial assistance to another in violating any provision of this Act or of any other Act enforceable by the Commission that relates to unfair or deceptive acts or practices. Any such violation shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice described in section 5(a)(1) of this Act. Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting or superseding the protection provided to any provider or user qualifying for protection under section 230(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(c)(1)).'.

(c) Section 18 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking `(h)' and inserting `(f)';

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

`(b) Procedure Applicable- When prescribing a rule under subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section, the Commission shall proceed in accordance with section 553 of title 5.';

(3) by striking subsection (c);

(4) in subsection (d), by striking `(d)(1) The Commission's' and all that follows through the end of paragraph (2) and by redesignating paragraph (3) of such subsection as subsection (c);

(5) In such subsection (c) (as so redesignated), by inserting `prescribed' after `any rule';

(6) by striking subsections (f), (i), and (j) and redesignating subsections (e), (g), and (h) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively;

(7) in subsection (c) (as redesignated), by inserting `prescribed' after `rule'; and

(8) in subsection (d) (as redesignated)--

(A) in paragraph (1)(A) by striking `promulgated' and inserting `prescribed';

(B) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking `the transcript required by subsection (c)(5),';

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking `The court shall hold unlawful' and all that follows through the end of the paragraph; and

(D) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5) and inserting the following:

`(4) The procedure set forth in this subsection for judicial review of a rule prescribed under subsection (a)(1)(B) is the exclusive means for such review, other than in an enforcement proceeding.'; and

(9) in subsection (e)(2) (as so redesignated), by striking `class or persons' and inserting `class of persons'.

(d) Section 16(a)(2) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 56(a)(2)) is amended--

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking `; or' and inserting a semicolon; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

`(F) to obtain a civil penalty authorized under any provision of law enforced by the Commission.'.

(e) Section 5(l) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45(l)) is amended in the first sentence by inserting `the Commission or' after `brought by'.