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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 8835 - Consumer Leasing Act of 1976. This bill protects consumers from inadequate and misleading information in connection with leasing personal property for personal, family, or household purposes.

H.R. 8835 will apply to leases for the use of personal property for a period of more than four months and for a total obligation not exceeding \$25,000.

The bill will amend the Truth in Lending Act to:

- require the lessor to provide a dated, written statement disclosing eleven specific items to the lessee.
- limit the lessee's liability on expiration or termination of the lease.
- require advertising concerning leases to contain certain warning disclosures to consumers including the fact that the transaction is a lease and the number, amounts, due dates and total of payments under the lease.

Finally, the bill will permit States to continue to enact and enforce their own consumer lease laws so long as they are not inconsistent with this bill, as determined by the Federal Reserve Board.

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