

FTC Proposes New Rule Targeting “Junk Fees”

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The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has proposed a new rule targeting “junk fees,” which are small, unnecessary charges that consumers often do not understand or do not want to pay. The rule is part of the FTC’s ongoing efforts to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive practices. The proposed rule would require businesses to disclose the nature and purpose of any fee charged to a consumer, and to provide a clear and conspicuous explanation of the fee. The rule also would prohibit businesses from charging fees that are not disclosed to the consumer in advance of the transaction. The rule is expected to be finalized in the near future.

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