

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 195
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to arbitration agreements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 407, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 407.028, to read as follows:

**407.028. 1. No contract subject to the provisions of sections 407.010 to 407.315 shall
2 contain a provision selecting a forum for dispute resolution other than the forum specified
3 in section 407.025, unless the provision is agreed to by both parties in a separate written
4 document. The separate written document containing such forum selection provision shall:**

- 5 **(1) Be written in sixteen-point font;**
6 **(2) Require a handwritten signature from both parties signed in person; and**
7 **(3) Contain a right to opt out of this provision for the consumer that is clearly
8 displayed and requires a hand-signed signature from the consumer.**

9 **2. The opt-out clause under the provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall
10 expire no earlier than fifteen years from the date on which the contract was signed unless
11 the contract guarantees a warranty that extends longer than fifteen years, then the opt-out
12 clause shall expire when such warranty expires.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.