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# FISCAL NOTE

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| <b>Drafting Number:</b> | LLS 19-0815    | <b>Date:</b>           | April 12, 2019  |
| <b>Prime Sponsors:</b>  | Sen. Rodriguez | <b>Bill Status:</b>    | Senate Judiciary  |
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**Bill Topic:** CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT DAMAGES

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** This bill clarifies damage amounts that may be awarded in cases filed under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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### Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that a plaintiff in an individual action under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act may be awarded damages equal to the sum of \$500 per violation. In a class action, any person who is found to have engaged in deceptive trade practice is liable in an amount equal to actual damages sustained. Injunctive relief and attorney fees may also be awarded.

### Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

This bill clarifies amounts that may be awarded in an individual action or a class action under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act. This bill is not expected to increase the number of individual or class actions filed or the complexity of these cases; therefore, it will not impact the revenue, expenditures, or workload of any state or local government.

### Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2019, and applies to causes of action arising on or after this date.

### State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial            Law

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