

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held by the Office of Attorney General Jim Petro, on Monday, December 13, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower, located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on proposed changes to Ohio Administrative Code Rules Chapter 109:4-3 titled "Deceptive Acts or Trade Practices in Connection with Consumer Transactions".

Changes to Chapter 109:4-3 include numerous substantive changes, definition additions or modifications, clarification of terms and phrases, gender neutral amendments, and alterations bringing the rules in line with State statutes or court decisions. These current administrative rules cover topics such as: bait advertising/unavailability of goods, use of the word "free", repairs or services, prizes, deposits, new for used, failure to deliver; substitution of goods or services, substantiation of claims in advertising, direct solicitations, price comparisons, motor vehicle repairs or services, advertisement and sale of motor vehicles, distress sale and sale and labeling of gasoline which contains alcohol. In addition, a new rule (#109:4-3-19) is being proposed dealing with the sale and placing of concrete for residential driveways.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Mr. Doug Crew, Policy/Legislative Section, Ohio Attorney General's Office at (614) 995-0328 or writing Mr. Crew at 30 East Broad Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Copies of the rules will also be posted on the Attorney General's website which is found at [www.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.ag.state.oh.us).

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to Mr. Crew no later than December 10, 2004.