

**552A.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Buying club*” means a corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, or other business enterprise which sells or offers for sale to the public generally memberships or certificates of membership.
2. “*Contract*” means the agreement by which a person acquires a membership in a buying club.
3. “*Membership*” means certificates, memberships, shares, bonds, contracts, stocks, or agreements of any kind or character issued upon any plan offered generally to the public entitling the holder to purchase merchandise, materials, equipment, or service, either from the issuer or another person designated by the issuer, either under a franchise or otherwise, whether it be at a discount, at cost plus a percentage, at cost plus a fixed amount, at a fixed price, or on any other similar basis.

[93 Acts, ch 60, §1](#)