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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

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1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 5, strike lines 13 through 27 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 5-2-215 as 3 follows:

- 5-2-215. Consumer lending laws study definitions report repeal. (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise REQUIRES:
- (a) "ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS THE ADMINISTRATOR DESIGNATED IN SECTION 5-6-103.
- (b) "STUDY" MEANS THE CONSUMER LENDING LAWS STUDY REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
- (2) On or before December 31, 2023, the administrator SHALL COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT THAT WILL RESULT IF COLORADO MAKES AMENDMENTS TO THE "UNIFORM CONSUMER CREDIT CODE", INCLUDING:
- (a) A DECLARATION THAT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE "FEDERAL Deposit Insurance Act", 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1811 et seq.; the federal "National Housing Act", 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq.; and the "FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT", 12 U.S.C. SEC. 1757, MADE BY SECTIONS 521 to 523 of the Federal "Depository Institutions Deregulation AND MONETARY CONTROL ACT OF 1980", PUB.L. 96-221, PRESCRIBING INTEREST RATES AND PREEMPTING STATE INTEREST RATES DO NOT APPLY TO CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTIONS IN THIS STATE;
 - (b) AMENDING SECTION 5-2-201 TO:
- (I) REQUIRE THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE FINANCE CHARGE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-2-201 (2), CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE ACTUARIAL METHOD, MUST NOT EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT OF THE GREATER OF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
- (A) THE TOTAL OF: AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THIRTY-SIX PERCENT PER YEAR ON THAT PART OF THE UNPAID BALANCES OF THE AMOUNT FINANCED THAT IS ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS, MINUS THE TOTAL COST OF ALL ADDITIONAL CHARGES LISTED IN SECTION (2)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION; AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO TWENTY-ONE PERCENT PER YEAR ON THAT PART OF THE UNPAID BALANCES OF THE AMOUNT FINANCED THAT IS MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BUT DOES NOT EXCEED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, MINUS THE TOTAL COST OF ALL ADDITIONAL CHARGES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION; AND AN
- 36 37 AMOUNT EQUAL TO FIFTEEN PERCENT PER YEAR ON THAT PART OF THE
- 38 UNPAID BALANCES OF THE AMOUNT FINANCED THAT IS MORE THAN THREE
- 39 THOUSAND DOLLARS, MINUS THE TOTAL COST OF ALL ADDITIONAL
- 40 CHARGES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION; OR

- (B) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO TWENTY-ONE PERCENT PER YEAR ON THE UNPAID BALANCES OF THE AMOUNT FINANCED, MINUS THE TOTAL COST OF ALL ADDITIONAL CHARGES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION;
- (II) REQUIRE THAT, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 5-2-201 (3)(b), THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FINANCE CHARGE FOR A SUPERVISED LOAN OR CONSUMER CREDIT SALE PURSUANT TO A REVOLVING CREDIT ACCOUNT, CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE ACTUARIAL METHOD, MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY-ONE PERCENT PER YEAR ON THE UNPAID BALANCE OF THE AMOUNT FINANCED, MINUS THE TOTAL COST OF ALL ADDITIONAL CHARGES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION;
- (III) REQUIRE THAT, IF A SUPERVISED LENDER OR SELLER CONTRACTS FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CHARGES, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL OF THE CHARGES MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE FINANCE CHARGE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2)(b)(II) AND (2)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION:
- (A) ANY CREDIT INSURANCE PREMIUM OR FEE, ANY CHARGE FOR SINGLE PREMIUM CREDIT INSURANCE, ANY FEE FOR A DEBT CANCELLATION CONTRACT, OR ANY FEE FOR A DEBT SUSPENSION AGREEMENT;
- (B) ANY OTHER CHARGES FOR INSURANCE LISTED IN SECTION 5-2-202 (1)(b) AND (3);
- (C) ANY FEE FOR A CREDIT-RELATED ANCILLARY PRODUCT SOLD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CREDIT TRANSACTION;
- (D) Any application fee charged to a consumer who applies for consumer credit; and
- (E) CHARGES FOR OTHER BENEFITS CONFERRED ON THE CONSUMER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 5-2-202 (1)(d);
 - (c) AMENDING SECTION 5-2-214 TO:
- (I) Require, for a consumer loan where the amount financed is not more than one thousand dollars, pursuant to section 5-2-214 (1), that a supervised lender may charge, in lieu of the loan finance charges permitted by section 5-2-201, the following finance charges:
- (A) AN ACQUISITION CHARGE FOR MAKING THE ORIGINAL LOAN OR ANY REFINANCED LOAN, NOT TO EXCEED FIVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT FINANCED;
- (B) A MONTHLY INSTALLMENT ACCOUNT HANDLING CHARGE, NOT TO EXCEED THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

39 AMOUNT FINANCED PER MONTH CHARGE

40 \$100.00 - \$300 \$3.00 41 \$300.01 - \$500 \$6.00 42 \$500.01 - \$750 \$9.00 43 \$750.01 - \$1,000 \$12.00

44 (II) REQUIRE THAT THE MINIMUM TERM OF A LOAN MADE 45 PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-2-214 IS SIX MONTHS. THE MAXIMUM TERM OF

A LOAN MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-2-214 IS TWELVE MONTHS. ALL LOANS SHALL BE SCHEDULED TO BE PAYABLE IN SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL INSTALLMENTS AT EQUAL PERIODIC INTERVALS.

- (III) REQUIRE THAT ON A LOAN SUBJECT TO THE ALTERNATIVE CHARGES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5-2-214, NO OTHER FINANCE CHARGE OR ANY OTHER CHARGE OR FEE IS PERMITTED EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5-2-214 AND EXCEPT FOR REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5-5-112 AND THE FEE FOR A DISHONORED CHECK PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5-2-202 (1)(e)(II);
- (IV) REPEAL THE PROVISION THAT THE ACQUISITION CHARGE AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 5-5-112 SHALL BE FULLY EARNED AT THE TIME THE LOAN IS MADE AND SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO REFUND; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE LOAN IS PREPAID IN FULL, REFINANCED, OR CONSOLIDATED WITHIN THE FIRST SIXTY DAYS, THE FIRST TEN DOLLARS OF THE ACQUISITION CHARGE SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE LENDER AND THE REMAINDER OF THE ACQUISITION CHARGE SHALL BE REFUNDED AT A RATE OF ONE-SIXTIETH OF THE REMAINDER OF THE ACQUISITION CHARGE PER DAY, BEGINNING ON THE DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THE PREPAYMENT, REFINANCING, OR CONSOLIDATION AND ENDING ON THE SIXTIETH DAY AFTER THE LOAN WAS MADE;
- (V) REQUIRE THAT UPON PREPAYMENT OF A LOAN MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-2-214, THE UNEARNED PORTION OF THE ACQUISITION CHARGE AND THE TOTAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENT HANDLING CHARGE SHALL BE REFUNDED TO THE CONSUMER. THE UNEARNED PORTION OF THESE CHARGES SHALL BE CALCULATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS ON REBATE UPON PREPAYMENT CONTAINED IN SECTION 5-2-211 ON THE DATE OF REFINANCING; EXCEPT THAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTING THIS AMOUNT, A MINIMUM FINANCE CHARGE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 5-2-201 OF NO MORE THAN TEN DOLLARS IS ALLOWED IF CONTRACTED WITH THE CONSUMER IN THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

(VI) REQUIRE THAT:

- (A) A LENDER SHALL REQUIRE A CONSUMER TO FILL OUT A LOAN APPLICATION FOR EVERY LOAN UNDER SECTION 5-2-214 AND SHALL MAINTAIN THE APPLICATION ON FILE. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE CONSUMER.
- (B) A LENDER SHALL REQUIRE THE CONSUMER TO PROVIDE A PAY STUB OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF INCOME IN EVERY APPLICATION FOR A LOAN UNDER THIS SECTION AND SHALL MAINTAIN THIS APPLICATION ON FILE. THE PAY STUB OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF INCOME MUST HAVE BEEN ISSUED OR DATED WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION. IF A LENDER REQUIRES A CONSUMER TO PRESENT A BANK STATEMENT TO SECURE A LOAN, THE LENDER SHALL ALLOW THE CONSUMER TO DELETE FROM THE STATEMENT THE INFORMATION REGARDING TO WHOM THE DEBITS LISTED ON THE STATEMENT WERE PAYABLE. IF THE AMOUNT BORROWED IS NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE

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- PERCENT OF THE CONSUMER'S MONTHLY GROSS INCOME AND BENEFITS, AS EVIDENCED BY A PAYCHECK STUB OR OTHERWISE SUBSTANTIATED, A LENDER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO INVESTIGATE THE CONSUMER'S CONTINUED DEBT POSITION, AND THE CONSUMER'S ABILITY TO REPAY THE LOAN NEED NOT BE FURTHER DEMONSTRATED.
- (C) If a lender complies with the requirements of subsections (2)(b)(VI)(A) and (2)(b)(VI)(B) of this section, and the loan otherwise complies with this article 2 of this title 5 and other applicable law, neither the consumer's inability to repay the loan nor the lender's decision to obtain or not obtain additional information concerning the consumer's creditworthiness shall be cause to determine that a loan is unconscionable; and
- (VII) REQUIRE THAT A LENDER MAY NOT REFINANCE A LOAN MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-2-214 MORE THAN ONCE IN ONE YEAR.
- (3) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 31, 2024, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE STUDY'S RESEARCH, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
 - (4) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2024.".
- Page 6, strike line 1.

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