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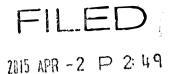
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House Bill No. 2926

(By Delegate(s) Folk, Ashley and Walters)

Passed March 14, 2015

In effect ninety days from passage.



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H.B. 2926

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §46A-3-114 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modification charges in connection with a real estate secured consumer credit sale or consumer loan; and providing for a minimum and maximum modification charge that may be collected.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §46A-3-114 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 3. FINANCE CHARGES AND RELATED PROVISIONS.

#### §46A-3-114. Deferral and modification charges.

- 1 (1) With respect to a precomputed consumer credit sale or
- 2 consumer loan, refinancing or consolidation, the parties before

or after default may agree in writing to a deferral of all or part of 4 one or more unpaid installments, and the seller or lender may 5 make and collect a deferral charge not exceeding the amount of the sales finance charge or loan finance charge attributable to the first of the deferred monthly installment periods multiplied by 7 number of months in the deferral period (the period in which no payment is required or made by reason of a deferral): Provided, 10 That no installment on which a delinquency charge has been 11 collected or partial payment made shall be deferred unless the 12 amount of the delinquency charge or partial payment is first 13 applied to the deferral charge. If prepayment in full occurs 14 during a deferral period, the portion of the deferral charge 15 attributable to the unexpired full months in the deferral period 16 shall be also rebated.

- 17 (2) The seller or lender, in addition to the deferral charge, 18 may make appropriate additional charges, and the amount of 19 these charges which is not paid in cash may be added to the 20 amount deferred for the purpose of calculating the deferral 21 charge.
- 22 (3) The parties may agree in writing at the time of a 23 precomputed consumer credit sale or consumer loan, refinancing 24 or consolidation that if an installment is not paid within ten days 25 after its due date as originally scheduled or as deferred, the seller 26 or lender may unilaterally grant a deferral and make charges as 27 provided in this section. No deferral charge may be made for a 28 period after the date on which the seller or lender elects to 29 accelerate the maturity of the agreement.
- 30 (4) With respect to a real estate secured consumer credit sale 31 or consumer loan, the parties before or after default may agree 32 in writing to a modification or amendment of, or allonge to, the 33 consumer credit sale or consumer loan, and the seller or lender 34 may make and collect a modification charge equal to the greater 35 of \$250 or one percent of the outstanding balance of the

- 36 consumer credit sale or consumer loan at the time of the
- 37 modification, amendment or allonge: Provided, That no
- 38 modification charge may be made where prohibited by federal
- 39 law or regulation.
- 40 (5) The commissioner shall prescribe by rule the method or
- 41 procedure for the calculation of deferral charges consistent with
- 42 the other provisions of this chapter where the precomputed
- 43 consumer credit sale or consumer loan is payable in unequal or
- 44 irregular installments.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

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Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates,

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

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