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H.B. No. 2746

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requirements related to refunds and credit provided  
3 under terminated debt cancellation agreements.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 354.007, Finance Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (e), (f), and (g) and adding Subsection (e-1)  
7 to read as follows:

8 (e) If the debt cancellation agreement terminates due to the  
9 early termination of the contract, a [the] holder who is a retail  
10 seller who has not assigned or transferred the contract shall:

11 (1) [7] not later than the 60th day after the date the  
12 debt cancellation agreement terminates~~[+]~~

13 [(-)] refund or credit an appropriate amount of the  
14 debt cancellation agreement fee; or

15 (2) cause to be refunded or credited an appropriate  
16 amount of the debt cancellation agreement fee by providing written  
17 instruction not later than the 30th day after the date the debt  
18 cancellation agreement terminates, including by electronic means,  
19 to the administrator of the agreement ~~[appropriate person]~~.

20 (e-1) If the debt cancellation agreement terminates due to  
21 the early termination of the contract, a holder, other than a holder  
22 described by Subsection (e), shall:

23 (1) not later than the 60th day after the date the debt  
24 cancellation agreement terminates refund or credit an appropriate

1 amount of the debt cancellation agreement fee; or  
2 (2) cause to be refunded or credited an appropriate  
3 amount of the debt cancellation agreement fee by providing written  
4 instruction not later than the 30th day after the date the debt  
5 cancellation agreement terminates, including by electronic means,  
6 to the administrator of the agreement and the retail seller.

7 (f) The administrator of the agreement or the administrator  
8 of the agreement and the retail seller, as applicable, not later  
9 than the 30th day after receiving the written instructions  
10 specified under Subsection (e)(2) or (e-1)(2), [holder] shall  
11 provide [ensure that] a refund or credit of an amount of a debt  
12 cancellation agreement fee proportional to the amount received by  
13 the administrator and retail seller under the agreement [made by  
14 another person under Subsection (e)(2) is made not later than the  
15 60th day after the date the debt cancellation agreement  
16 terminates].

17 (g) The administrator of the agreement and the retail seller  
18 [holder] shall maintain records of any refund or credit of an amount  
19 of a debt cancellation agreement fee made under Subsection (e) or  
20 (e-1) and provide electronic access to those records until the  
21 later of the fourth anniversary of the date of the contract or the  
22 second anniversary of the date of the refund or credit.

23 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
24 354.007, Finance Code, are procedural only and do not require the  
25 refiling of forms to implement.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.