By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.B. No. 2746

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 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, <u>a</u> [the] holder who is a retail
- 10 <u>seller who has not assigned or transferred the contract</u> shall:
- 11 (1) $[\tau]$ not later than the 60th day after the date the
- 12 debt cancellation agreement terminates[+
- [(1)] 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 <u>(e-1)</u> If the debt cancellation agreement terminates due to
- 21 the early termination of the contract, a holder, other than a holder
- 22 <u>described by Subsection (e), shall:</u>
- 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 or retail seller, as
- 7 appropriate.
- 8 (f) The <u>administrator of the agreement or retail seller</u>,
- 9 only after receiving the written instructions specified under
- 10 <u>Subsection (e)(2) or (e-1)(2)</u>, [holder] shall ensure that a refund
- 11 or credit of an appropriate amount of a debt cancellation agreement
- 12 fee [made by another person under Subsection (e)(2)] is made not
- 13 later than the 60th day after the date the debt cancellation
- 14 agreement terminates.
- 15 (g) The administrator of the agreement or retail seller that
- 16 effectuated the refund [holder] shall maintain records of any
- 17 refund or credit of an amount of a debt cancellation agreement fee
- 18 made under Subsection (e) or (e-1) and provide electronic access to
- 19 those records until the later of the fourth anniversary of the date
- 20 of the contract or the second anniversary of the date of the refund
- 21 or credit.
- 22 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
- 23 354.007, Finance Code, are procedural only and do not require the
- 24 refiling of forms to implement.
- 25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.