

House Bill 2592
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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SUBCHAPTER C-1. NOTICE AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN CREDIT SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 393.221. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Credit access business" means a credit services organization that obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining an extension of consumer credit in the form of a deferred presentment transaction or a motor vehicle certificate of title loan.

(2) "Deferred presentment transaction" has the meaning assigned by Section 341.001. The term is also referred to as a payday loan.

(3) "Motor vehicle certificate of title loan" or "auto title loan" means a loan in which an unencumbered motor vehicle is given as security for the loan. The term does not include a retail installment transaction under Chapter 348 or another loan made to finance the purchase of a motor vehicle.

Sec. 393.222. POSTING OF FEE SCHEDULE; NOTICES.

(a) A credit access business shall post, in a conspicuous location in an area of the business accessible to consumers and on any Internet website, including a social media site, maintained by the credit access business:

(1) a schedule of all fees to be charged for services performed by the credit access business in connection with deferred presentment transactions and motor vehicle certificate of title loans, as applicable;

(2) a notice of the name and address of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner and the telephone number of the office's consumer helpline; and

(3) a notice that reads as follows:

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(b) The Finance Commission of Texas may adopt rules to implement this section.

Sec. 393.223. CONSUMER TRANSACTION INFORMATION. (a) Before performing services described by Section 393.221(1), a credit access business must provide to a consumer a disclosure adopted by rule of the Finance Commission of Texas that discloses

the interest, fees, and annual percentage rates, as applicable, to be charged on a deferred presentment transaction or on a motor vehicle certificate of title loan, as applicable.

(b) If a credit access business obtains or assists a consumer in obtaining a motor vehicle certificate of title loan, the credit access business shall provide to the consumer a notice warning the consumer that in the event of default the consumer may be required to surrender possession of the motor vehicle to the lender or other person to satisfy the

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Sec. 393.223. CONSUMER TRANSACTION INFORMATION. (a) Before performing services described by Section 393.221(1), a credit access business must provide to a consumer a disclosure adopted by rule of the Finance Commission of Texas that discloses **the following in a form prescribed by the commission:**

(1) the interest, fees, and annual percentage rates, as applicable, to be charged on a deferred presentment transaction or on a motor vehicle title loan, as applicable, in comparison to interest, fees, and annual percentage rates to be charged on other alternative forms of consumer debt;

(2) the amount of accumulated fees a consumer would incur by renewing or refinancing a deferred presentment transaction or motor vehicle title loan that remains outstanding for a period of two weeks, one month, two months, and three months; and

(3) information regarding the typical pattern of repayment of deferred presentment transactions and motor vehicle title loans.

(b) If a credit access business obtains or assists a consumer in obtaining a motor vehicle title loan, the credit access business shall provide to the consumer a notice warning the consumer that in the event of default the consumer may be required to surrender possession of the motor vehicle to the lender or other person to satisfy the consumer's outstanding obligations

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consumer's outstanding obligations under the loan.

(c) The Finance Commission of Texas shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Sec. 393.224. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. The consumer credit commissioner, in accordance with rules adopted by the Finance Commission of Texas, may assess an administrative penalty against a credit access business that knowingly and wilfully violates this subchapter or a rule adopted under this subchapter in the manner provided by Subchapter F, Chapter 14.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2012.

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SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 393.223(a), Finance Code, as added by this Act, a credit access business is not required to comply with that section until the Finance Commission of Texas prescribes the form required by that section.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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