(Senate Sponsor - Carona) (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013; April 30, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce; May 7, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2013, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE 1-8 Yea Nay Absent PNV 1-9 Carona Х 1-10 1-11 Taylor Х Eltife Х 1-12 Estes Х Hancock 1-13 Х 1-14 Lucio χ 1**-**15 1**-**16 Van de Putte Х Х Watson 1-17 Х Whitmire 1**-**18 1**-**19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 1-20 relating to the limitation on the amount that may be charged for 1-21 certain debt cancellation agreements.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 348.601(b), Finance Code, is amended to 1**-**23 read as follows: 1-24

(b) The amount charged for a debt cancellation agreement made in connection with a retail installment contract <u>may not</u> 1-25 1-26 exceed five percent of the amount financed pursuant to the retail installment contract [must be created in good faith and be commercially reasonable]. Section 348.124(c) does not apply to a 1-27 1-28 1-29 1-30 debt cancellation agreement regulated under this subchapter. 1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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