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AN ACT 2 relating to the elimination of the remittance of a portion of 3 certain loan administration fees to the comptroller.

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

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5 SECTION 1. Section 342.201(f), Finance Code, is amended to 6 read as follows:

7 (f) A loan contract under this subchapter may provide for an administrative fee in an amount not to exceed \$25 for a loan of more 8 than \$1,000 or \$20 for a loan of \$1,000 or less. The administrative 9 fee is considered earned when the loan is made or refinanced and is 10 11 not subject to refund. An administrative fee is not interest. A 12 lender refinancing the loan may not contract for or receive an administrative fee for the loan more than once in any 180-day 13 14 period, except that if the loan has an interest charge authorized by Subsection (e) the lender may not contract for or receive the 15 16 administrative fee more than once in any 365-day period. [One dollar of each administrative fee may be deposited with the 17 comptroller for use in carrying out the finance commission's 18 responsibilities under Section 11.3055.] 19

20 SECTION 2. Section 342.308(c), Finance Code, is amended to 21 read as follows:

(c) An administrative fee under Subsection (a)(9) is considered earned when the loan is made or refinanced and is not subject to refund. A lender refinancing the loan may not contract

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1 for or receive an administrative fee for the loan more than once in 2 any 180-day period. [Fifty cents of each administrative fee may be 3 deposited with the comptroller for use in carrying out the finance 4 commission's responsibilities under Section 11.3055.]

5 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act does not 6 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this 7 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been 8 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the 9 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of 10 the liability for those taxes.

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SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4738 was passed by the House on April 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4738 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

Date

Governor