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## **SENATE BILL NO. 606**

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Commerce and Labor

on March 4, 2010)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Saslaw)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 6.1-249, 6.1-330.55, 6.1-330.78, and 59.1-200 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 6.1 a chapter numbered 21, consisting of sections numbered 6.1-480 through 6.1-507, relating to motor vehicle title loans; penalties.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 6.1-249, 6.1-330.55, 6.1-330.78, and 59.1-200 of the Code of Virginia are amended and 10 11 reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 6.1 a chapter numbered 21, consisting of sections numbered 6.1-480 through 6.1-507, as follows: 12 13

§ 6.1-249. Compliance with chapter; license required.

14 A. No person shall engage in the business of lending any principal amounts to individuals for 15 personal, family, household or other nonbusiness purposes, and charge, contract for, or receive, directly or indirectly, on or in connection with any loan, any interest, charges, compensation, consideration or 16 17 expense which in the aggregate is greater than the interest permitted by § 6.1-330.55, except as provided in and authorized by this chapter or, Chapter 18 (§ 6.1-444 et seq.) of this title, or Chapter 21 18 (§ 6.1-480 et seq.) and without first having obtained a license from the Commission. 19

20 B. However, subject to §§ 6.1-251 and 6.1-281 of this chapter, the prohibition in subsection A of this section shall not be construed to prevent any person, other than a licensee, from making a mortgage loan pursuant to §§ 6.1-330.69 and 6.1-330.70 or §§ 6.1-330.71 and 6.1-330.72 in any principal amount 21 22 23 or from extending credit as described in § 6.1-330.78 in any amount. 24

§ 6.1-330.55. Contracts for more than legal rate of interest.

25 Except as otherwise permitted by law, no contract shall be made for the payment of interest on a loan greater than twelve 12 percent per year. 26

27 For statutes which permit payment of interest greater than twelve 12 percent per year, reference is hereby made to Article 6 (§ 6.1-330.60 et seq.), Article 7 (§ 6.1-330.64), Article 8 (§ 6.1-330.65 et seq.), 28 29 Article 9 (§ 6.1-330.69 et seq.), Article 10 (§ 6.1-330.75 et seq.) and Article 11 (§ 6.1-330.77 et seq.) of 30 this chapter. Further reference is hereby made to Chapter 6 (§ 6.1-244 et seq.) of this title, relating to powers of consumer finance companies; to Chapter 18 (§ 6.1-444 et seq.) of this title, relating to payday 31 32 lenders; to § 38.2-1806, relating to interest chargeable by insurance agents; to §§ 38.2-4700 through 38.2-4712, relating to interest chargeable by premium finance companies; and to § 58.1-3018, relating to 33 34 interest and origination fees payable under third-party taxpayer agreements; and to Chapter 21 35 (§ 6.1-480 et seq.), relating to interest chargeable by motor vehicle title lenders.

36 In the case of any loan upon which a person is not permitted to plead usury, interest and other 37 charges may be imposed and collected as agreed by the parties.

38 Those provisions of this chapter providing that a loan or extension of credit may be enforced as 39 agreed in the contract of indebtedness, shall not be construed to preclude the charging or collecting of 40 other loan fees and charges permitted by law, in addition to the stated interest rate, and such other loan 41 fees and charges need not be included in the rate of interest stated in the contract of indebtedness. 42

§ 6.1-330.78. Open-end sales and loan plans.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter other than § 6.1-330.71, and except as provided in 43 44 subsection E, any seller or lender engaged in the extension of credit under an open-end credit or similar 45 plan under which a finance charge is imposed upon the obligor, if payment in full of the unpaid balance is not received at the place designated by the creditor prior to the next billing date (which shall be at 46 47 least twenty-five 25 days later than the prior billing date), may impose finance charges and other charges and fees at such rates and in such amounts and manner as may be agreed upon by the seller or **48** 49 lender and the obligor.

50 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 6.1-330.71 and subject to the provisions of § 8.9A-204.1, any 51 loan made under this section may be secured in whole or in part by a subordinate mortgage or deed of trust on residential real estate improved by the construction thereon of housing consisting of one to four 52 53 family dwelling units.

54 C. Any application form or preapproved written solicitation for an open-end credit card account to be 55 used for personal, family, or household purposes which is mailed on or after January 1, 1988, to a consumer residing in this Commonwealth by or on behalf of a creditor, whether or not the creditor is 56 57 located in this Commonwealth, other than an application form or solicitation included in a magazine, newspaper, or other publication distributed by someone other than the creditor, shall contain or be 58 59 accompanied by any of the following disclosures:

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60 1. A disclosure of each of the following if applicable:

a. Any periodic rate or rates that may be applied to the account, expressed as an annual percentage 61 62 rate or rates. If the account is subject to a variable rate, the creditor may instead disclose the rate as of a 63 specific date and indicate that the rate may vary, or identify the index and any amount or percentage 64 added to, or subtracted from, that index and used to determine the rate.

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b. Any membership or participation fee that may be imposed for availability of a credit card account. 66 c. Any transaction fee that may be imposed on purchases, or any other charge or fee that may be 67 imposed, expressed as an amount or as a percentage of the transaction, as applicable.

d. Any grace period or free period during which the consumer may repay the full balance reflected **68** on a billing statement which is attributable to purchases of goods or services from the creditor or from 69 merchants participating in the credit card plan, without the imposition of additional finance charges. The 70 creditor shall either disclose the number of days of that period, calculated from the closing date of the 71 72 prior billing cycle to the date designated in the billing statement sent to the consumer as the date by which that payment must be received to avoid additional finance charges, or describe the manner in 73 74 which the period is calculated. If the creditor does not provide such a period for purchases, the 75 disclosure shall so indicate; 76

2. A disclosure that satisfies the initial disclosure requirements of Regulation Z; or

3. If a creditor is now or hereafter required under federal law to make disclosures of the terms 77 78 applicable to a credit card account in connection with application forms or solicitations, the creditor 79 shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this subsection if the creditor complies with 80 the federal disclosure requirements. The disclosure of any transaction fee that may be imposed on purchases, or any other charge or fee, shall be written on any such application form or preapproved 81 82 written solicitation.

83 D. An open-end credit or similar plan between a seller or lender and an obligor shall be governed 84 solely by federal law, and by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia unless otherwise expressly 85 agreed in writing by the parties.

86 E. Except as provided in subsection F, a A licensee, as defined in § 6.1-444, shall not engage in the 87 extension of credit under an open-end credit or similar plan described in this section, and a third party shall not engage in the extension of credit under an open-end credit or similar plan described in this 88 89 section at any office, suite, room, or place of business where a licensee conducts the business of making 90 payday loans. In addition to any other remedies or penalties provided for a violation of this section, any 91 such extension of credit made by a licensee or third party in violation of this subsection shall be 92 unenforceable against the borrower.

93 F. No prohibition in subsection E shall apply to an extension of person shall make a loan or otherwise extend credit under an open-end credit or similar plan or any other lending arrangement that 94 95 is secured by a non-purchase money security interest in a motor vehicle, as such term is defined in § 96 46.2-100 6.1-480, unless such loan or extension of credit is made in accordance with, or is exempt 97 from, the provisions of Chapter 21 (§ 6.1-480 et seq.).

G. If a licensee, as defined in § 6.1-444, surrenders its license under Chapter 18 (§ 6.1-444 et seq.) 98 99 of this title or has its license revoked, and if following such surrender or revocation of its license the former licensee engages in the extension of credit under an open-end credit or similar plan as described 100 in this section, then the Commission shall not issue to such former licensee, or to any affiliate of the 101 102 former licensee, a license under Chapter 18 of this title for a period of 10 years from the date such license is surrendered or revoked. As used in this subsection, "affiliate of the former licensee" means a 103 business entity that owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or 104 105 control with, the former licensee.

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#### CHAPTER 21. MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE LOANS.

108 § 6.1-480. Definitions.

109 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

110 "Licensee" means a person to whom a license has been issued under this chapter.

"Motor vehicle" means an automobile, motorcycle, mobile home, truck, van, or other vehicle 111 112 operated on public highways and streets.

"Motor vehicle title loan" or "title loan" means a loan secured by a non-purchase money security 113 interest in a motor vehicle. 114

"Motor vehicle title loan agreement" or "loan agreement" means a written document that sets out the 115 116 terms and conditions under which a licensee agrees to make a motor vehicle title loan to a borrower, 117 and the borrower agrees to give to the licensee a security interest in a motor vehicle owned by the 118

borrower to secure repayment of the motor vehicle title loan and performance of the other obligations 119 under the loan agreement. 120

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability 121 company, trust, joint venture, or other legal or commercial entity.

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122 "Principal" means any person who, directly or indirectly, owns or controls (i) 10 percent or more of 123 the outstanding stock of a stock corporation or (ii) a 10 percent or greater interest in any other type of 124 entity. 125

§ 6.1-481. License required.

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Unless exempted from the provisions of this chapter pursuant to  $\S$  6.1-482:

127 1. No person shall engage in the business of making motor vehicle title loans to any individual 128 residing in the Commonwealth, whether or not the person has a location in the Commonwealth, except 129 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and without having first obtained a license under this chapter from the Commission; and 130

131 2. No person shall engage in the business of arranging or brokering motor vehicle title loans for any 132 individual residing in the Commonwealth, whether or not the person has a location in the 133 Commonwealth.

134 § 6.1-482. Scope of chapter.

135 A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any bank, savings institution, or credit union, or 136 to a person licensed under Chapter 6 (§ 6.1-244 et seq.), that does not elect to become licensed under this chapter. Electing to become licensed under this chapter, however, shall constitute a waiver of the 137 138 benefit of any and all laws of the Commonwealth and other states, territories, possessions, and districts 139 of the United States and federal laws preemptive of, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this chapter. 140 B. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to extensions of credit for the sole purpose of

141 financing the purchase of a motor vehicle, or of refinancing a purchase money loan, secured by a lien 142 on the motor vehicle.

143 § 6.1-483. Application for license; form; content; fee.

144 A. An application for a license under this chapter shall be made in writing, under oath, and on a 145 form provided by the Commissioner.

146 B. The application shall set forth:

147 1. The name and address of the applicant and (i) if the applicant is a partnership, firm, or 148 association, the name and address of each partner or member; (ii) if the applicant is a corporation or 149 limited liability company, the name and address of each director, member, registered agent, and 150 principal; or (iii) if the applicant is a business trust, the name and address of each trustee and 151 beneficiary:

2. The addresses of the locations of the business to be licensed; and

153 3. Such other information concerning the financial responsibility, background, experience, and 154 activities of the applicant and its members, officers, directors, and principals as the Commissioner may 155 require.

156 C. The application shall be accompanied by payment of an application fee of \$500.

157 D. The application fee shall not be refundable in any event. The fee shall not be abated by 158 surrender, suspension, or revocation of the license.

159 § 6.1-484. Bond required.

160 The application for a license shall also be accompanied by a bond filed with the Commissioner with 161 corporate surety authorized to execute such bond in the Commonwealth, in the sum of \$50,000 per 162 location, not to exceed a total of \$500,000. The form of such bond shall be approved by the Commission. Such bond shall be continuously maintained thereafter in full force. Such bond shall be 163 164 conditioned upon the applicant or licensee performing all written agreements with borrowers or 165 prospective borrowers, correctly and accurately accounting for all funds received by him in his licensed 166 business, and conducting his licensed business in conformity with this chapter and all applicable laws. 167 Any person who may be damaged by noncompliance of the licensee with any condition of such bond 168 may proceed on such bond against the principal or surety thereon, or both, to recover damages. The 169 aggregate liability under the bond shall not exceed the penal sum of the bond.

170 § 6.1-485. Investigation of applications.

171 The Commissioner may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine if the applicant 172 has complied with all applicable provisions of law and regulations adopted thereunder. 173

§ 6.1-486. Qualifications.

174 A. Upon the filing and investigation of an application for a license, and compliance by the applicant 175 with the provisions of §§ 6.1-483 and 6.1-484, the Commission shall issue and deliver to the applicant 176 the license applied for to engage in business under this chapter at the locations specified in the 177 application if it finds:

178 1. That the financial responsibility, character, reputation, experience, and general fitness of the 179 applicant and its members, senior officers, directors, trustees, and principals are such as to warrant 180 belief that the business will be operated efficiently and fairly, in the public interest, and in accordance 181 with law; and

182 2. That the applicant has unencumbered liquid assets per location available for the operation of the 183 business of at least \$75,000.

184 B. If the Commission fails to make such findings, no license shall be issued and the Commissioner 185 shall notify the applicant of the denial and the reasons for such denial. 186

§ 6.1-487. Licenses; places of business; changes.

187 A. Each license shall state the address or addresses at which the business is to be conducted and 188 shall state fully the legal name of the licensee as well as any fictitious name by which the licensee is 189 operating in the Commonwealth. Each license shall be posted prominently in each place of business of 190 the licensee. Licenses shall not be transferable or assignable, by operation of law or otherwise. No 191 licensee shall use any name in the Commonwealth other than the legal name or fictitious name set forth 192 on the license issued by the Commission.

B. No licensee shall open an additional office or relocate any place of business without prior 193 194 approval of the Commission. Applications for such approval shall be made in writing on a form 195 provided by the Commissioner and shall be accompanied by payment of a \$150 nonrefundable application fee. The application shall be approved unless the Commission finds that the applicant does 196 197 not have the required liquid assets or has not conducted business under this chapter efficiently, fairly, in 198 the public interest, and in accordance with law. The application shall be deemed approved if notice to 199 the contrary has not been mailed by the Commission to the applicant within 30 days of the date the 200 application is received by the Commission. After approval, the applicant shall give written notice to the 201 Commissioner within 10 days of the commencement of business at the additional location or relocated 202 place of business.

203 C. Every licensee shall within 10 days notify the Commissioner, in writing, of the closing of any 204 business location and of the name, address, and position of each new senior officer, member, partner, 205 or director and provide such other information with respect to any such change as the Commissioner 206 may reasonably require.

207 D. Every license shall remain in force until it has been surrendered, revoked, or suspended. The 208 surrender, revocation, or suspension of a license shall not affect any preexisting legal right or 209 obligation of such licensee. 210

§ 6.1-488. Acquisition of control; application.

211 A. Except as provided in this section, no person shall acquire, directly or indirectly, 25 percent or 212 more of the voting shares of a corporation or 25 percent or more of the ownership of any other person 213 licensed to conduct business under this chapter unless such person first:

214 1. Files an application with the Commission in such form as the Commissioner may prescribe from 215 time to time:

216 2. Delivers such other information to the Commissioner as the Commissioner may require concerning 217 the financial responsibility, background, experience, and activities of the applicant, its directors, senior 218 officers, principals, and members and of any proposed new directors, senior officers, principals, or members of the licensee; and 219 220

3. Pays such application fee as the Commission may prescribe.

221 B. Upon the filing and investigation of an application, the Commission shall permit the applicant to 222 acquire the interest in the licensee if it finds that the applicant, its members if applicable, its directors, 223 senior officers, trustees, and principals and any proposed new directors, members, senior officers, 224 trustees, and principals have the financial responsibility, character, reputation, experience, and general 225 fitness to warrant belief that the business will be operated efficiently and fairly, in the public interest, and in accordance with law. The Commission shall grant or deny the application within 60 days from 226 227 the date a completed application accompanied by the required fee is filed unless the period is extended 228 by order of the Commissioner reciting the reasons for the extension. If the application is denied, the Commission shall notify the applicant of the denial and the reasons for the denial. 229

230 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) the acquisition of an interest in a licensee, 231 directly or indirectly, including an acquisition by merger or consolidation by or with a person licensed 232 under this chapter; (ii) the acquisition of an interest in a licensee, directly or indirectly, by merger or 233 consolidation by or with a person affiliated through common ownership with the licensee; or (iii) the 234 acquisition of an interest in a licensee by bequest, descent, survivorship, or operation of law. The 235 person acquiring an interest in a licensee in a transaction that is exempt from filing an application by 236 this subsection shall send written notice to the Commissioner of such acquisition within 30 days of its 237 closing. 238

§ 6.1-489. Retention of books, accounts, and records.

239 Every licensee shall maintain in its licensed offices such books, accounts, and records as the 240 Commission may reasonably require in order to determine whether such licensee is complying with the 241 provisions of this chapter and rules and regulations adopted in furtherance thereof. Such books, 242 accounts, and records shall be maintained apart and separate from any other business in which the 243 licensee is involved. Such records relating to title loans shall be retained for at least three years after 244 final payment is made on any title loan.

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245 § 6.1-490. Annual report.

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246 Each licensee under this chapter shall annually, on or before March 25, file a written report with 247 the Commissioner containing such information as the Commissioner may require concerning his 248 business and operations during the preceding calendar year as to each licensed place of business. 249 Reports shall be made under oath and shall be in the form prescribed by the Commissioner.

250 § 6.1-491. Other reporting requirements.

251 Within 15 days following the occurrence of any of the following events, a licensee shall file a written 252 report with the Commission describing such event and its expected impact upon the business of the 253 licensee:

1. The filing of bankruptcy, reorganization, or receivership proceedings by or against the licensee;

255 2. The institution of administrative or regulatory proceedings against the licensee by any 256 governmental authority;

257 3. Any felony indictments of the licensee or any of its members, partners, directors, officers, or 258 principals;

259 4. Any felony conviction of the licensee or any of its members, partners, directors, officers, or 260 principals; and

261 5. Such other event as the Commission may prescribe by regulation.

262 § 6.1-492. Investigations; examinations.

263 The Commission may, by its designated officers and employees, as often as it deems necessary, 264 investigate and examine the affairs, business, premises, and records of any person licensed or required 265 to be licensed under this chapter insofar as they pertain to any business for which a license is required 266 by this chapter. Examinations of licensees shall be conducted at least once in each three-year period. In 267 the course of such investigations and examinations, the owners, members, officers, directors, partners, 268 trustees, beneficiaries, and employees of such person being investigated or examined shall, upon demand 269 of the person making such investigation or examination, afford full access to all premises, books, 270 records, and information that the person making such investigation or examination deems necessary. 271 For the foregoing purposes, the person making such investigation or examination shall have authority to 272 administer oaths, examine under oath all the aforementioned persons, and compel the production of 273 papers and objects of all kinds. 274

§ 6.1-493. Annual fees.

275 A. In order to defray the costs of their examination, supervision, and regulation, every licensee under 276 this chapter shall pay an annual fee calculated in accordance with a schedule set by the Commission. 277 The schedule shall bear a reasonable relationship to the business volume of such licensees, the actual 278 costs of their examinations, and other factors relating to their supervision and regulation. All such fees 279 shall be assessed on or before September 15 for every calendar year. All such fees shall be paid by the 280 licensee to the State Treasurer on or before October 15 following each assessment.

281 B. In addition to the annual fee prescribed in subsection A, when it becomes necessary to examine or 282 investigate the books and records of a licensee under this chapter at a location outside the 283 Commonwealth, the licensee shall be liable for and shall pay to the Commission within 30 days of the 284 presentation of an itemized statement, the actual travel and reasonable living expenses incurred on 285 account of its examination, supervision, and regulation, or shall pay at a reasonable per diem rate 286 approved by the Commission. 287

§ 6.1-494. Regulations.

288 The Commission shall adopt such regulations as it deems appropriate to effect the purposes of this 289 chapter. Before adopting any such regulation, the Commission shall give reasonable notice of its content 290 and shall afford interested parties an opportunity to be heard, in accordance with the Commission's 291 Rules of Practice and Procedure.

292 § 6.1-495. Required and prohibited business methods.

293 Each licensee shall comply with the following requirements and prohibitions:

294 1. Each motor vehicle title loan shall be evidenced by a written motor vehicle title loan agreement. 295 Each motor vehicle title loan agreement shall:

a. Be signed by the borrower and by a person authorized by the licensee to sign such agreements;

b. Be dated the day it is executed by the borrower;

298 c. Set forth or contain, at a minimum: (i) the loan amount; (ii) the interest rate and any fees charged 299 pursuant to the loan, which shall not exceed the maximum rate permitted pursuant to  $\S$  6.1-496; (iii) the 300 annual percentage rate, which shall be stated using that term, calculated in accordance with the 301 Federal Reserve Board's Regulation Z: (iv) the amounts and scheduled due dates of the monthly 302 installment payments of principal and interest; (v) the borrower's mailing address; (vi) the make, model, 303 year, and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle in which a security interest is being given 304 to as security for the loan; (vii) that the borrower shall have the right to cancel the loan agreement at 305 any time before the close of business on the next business day following the day the loan agreement is

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executed by returning the original loan proceeds check to or paying to the licensee, in the form of cash or other good funds instrument, the loan proceeds; (viii) the loan's maturity date, which shall not be

earlier than 120 days from the date the loan agreement is executed nor later than 12 months from the

date the loan agreement is executed; and (viii) such other information relating to the title loan as the

310 Commission shall determine, by regulation, is necessary in order to ensure that the borrower is 311 provided adequate notice of the relevant provisions of the title loan; 312 d. Not cause any person to be obligated to the licensee for a principal amount that exceeds 50 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle in which the licensee is taking an interest, which 313 value shall be determined by reference to the loan value for the motor vehicle specified in a recognized 314 pricing guide if the motor vehicle is included in a recognized pricing guide; and 315 316 e. Contain the following notice in at least 14-point bold type immediately above the borrower's 317 signature: 318 THE INTEREST RATE ON THIS LOAN IS HIGH. YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER LOWER COST LOANS AVAILABLE TO YOU. 319 320 THIS IS A MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE LOAN AGREEMENT. IT ALLOWS YOU TO RECEIVE LOAN PROCEEDS TO MEET YOUR IMMEDIATE CASH NEEDS. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO MEET YOUR 321 322 LONG-TERM FINANCIAL NEEDS. 323 WHEN USING THIS LOAN, YOU SHOULD REQUEST THE MINIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED TO 324 MEET YOUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND YOU SHOULD REPAY THE LOAN AS OUICKLY AS 325 POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST YOU ARE CHARGED. YOU SHOULD TRY TO REPAY THIS LOAN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. YOU WILL BE 326 REQUIRED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE LOAN IN MONTHLY 327 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL INSTALLMENTS. YOU SHOULD TRY TO PAY EVEN MORE TOWARDS 328 329 YOUR PRINCIPAL BALANCE EACH MONTH. DOING SO WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. 330 YOU MAY RESCIND THIS LOAN WITHOUT COST OR FURTHER OBLIGATION IF YOU RETURN 331 THE LOAN PROCEEDS, IN CASH OR THE ORIGINAL LOAN CHECK, PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF 332 BUSINESS ON THE BUSINESS DAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXECUTION OF THIS 333 AGREEMENT. 334 YOU ARE PLEDGING YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE AS COLLATERAL FOR THIS LOAN. IF YOU 335 FAIL TO REPAY THE LOAN PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, WE MAY REPOSSESS YOUR 336 MOTOR VEHICLE. 337 UNLESS YOU CONCEAL OR INTENTIONALLY DAMAGE THE MOTOR VEHICLE, OR 338 OTHERWISE IMPAIR OUR SECURITY INTEREST BY PLEDGING THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO A THIRD PARTY OR PLEDGING A MOTOR VEHICLE TO US THAT IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO AN 339 UNDISCLOSED EXISTING LIEN, YOUR LIABILITY FOR DEFAULTING UNDER THIS LOAN IS LIMITED TO THE LOSS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE. 340 341 342 IF YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE IS SOLD DUE TO YOUR DEFAULT, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO ANY SURPLUS OBTAINED AT SUCH SALE BEYOND WHAT IS OWED PURSUANT TO THIS 343 AGREEMENT ALONG WITH ANY REASONABLE COSTS OF RECOVERY AND SALE; 344 345 2. Before entering into a motor vehicle title loan, a licensee shall provide each borrower with a 346 pamphlet, in a form consistent with regulations adopted by the Commission, explaining in plain language the rights and responsibilities of the borrower and providing a toll-free number at the 347 348 *Commission for assistance with complaints;* 349 3. The borrower shall have the right to prepay the title loan prior to maturity by paying the outstanding balance at any time without penalty. A borrower shall also be permitted to make partial 350 351 payments on a motor vehicle equity loan without charge at any time prior to the date such amounts 352 would otherwise be due to the licensee. The licensee shall give the borrower signed, dated receipts for 353 any cash payment made in person; 354 4. A licensee shall give a duplicate original of the loan agreement to the borrower at the time it is 355 executed: 5. A licensee shall not obtain any agreement from the borrower (i) giving the licensee or any third 356 357 person power of attorney or authority to confess judgment for the borrower; (ii) authorizing the licensee 358 or any third party to bring suit against the borrower in a court outside the Commonwealth; (iii) waiving 359 or modifying any right the borrower has under this chapter or Title 8.9A; or (iv) requiring the borrower 360 to use arbitration or other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms that do not conform to Chapter 21 361 (§ 8.01-577 et seq.) of Title 8.01; 362 6. A motor vehicle title loan agreement shall not (i) contain a provision by which a person acting on behalf of the licensee is treated as an agent of the borrower in connection with its formation or 363 364 execution other than for purposes of filing or releasing a lien with the Department of Motor Vehicles, (ii) contain an acceleration clause under which a licensee may demand immediate payment of any 365 amount owed to it unless the borrower is in default under the terms of the loan agreement, or (iii) be 366 sold or otherwise assigned to any other person who is not also a licensee, and if a loan agreement is 367

sold or assigned to another licensee, the buyer or assignee of the loan agreement shall be subject to thesame obligations under this chapter that apply to the selling or assigning licensee;

370 7. Loan proceeds shall be disbursed (i) in cash, (ii) by the licensee's business check, or (iii) by debit
371 card provided that the borrower will not be directly charged a fee by the licensee in connection with the
372 withdrawal of the funds. No fee shall be charged by the licensee or check casher for cashing a title loan
373 proceeds check;

8. A licensee shall not obtain or accept from a borrower an authorization to electronically debit the borrower's deposit account;

376 9. A licensee shall not take an interest in any real or personal property other than one motor vehicle
377 owned by the borrower as security for a title loan. For purposes of this subdivision, "motor vehicle"
378 includes any accessories or accessions to a motor vehicle that are affixed thereto;

379 10. A licensee shall not (i) make a motor vehicle title loan if, on the date the loan agreement is 380 signed by the borrower, the motor vehicle's certificate of title evidences that the motor vehicle is security for another loan or otherwise is encumbered by a lien; (ii) make a loan to an individual who 381 382 the licensee knows is a borrower under another motor vehicle title loan, whether made by the same or 383 another licensee, or (iii) knowingly cause a borrower to be obligated upon more than one motor vehicle 384 title loan at any time. Prior to making a motor vehicle title loan, every licensee shall inquire of every 385 prospective borrower if the individual is obligated on a motor vehicle title loan with any licensee. Each 386 loan agreement shall include the borrower's certification that the borrower is not obligated on another 387 *motor vehicle title loan;* 

388 11. A licensee shall (i) hold the certificate of title to the motor vehicle throughout the period that the
389 loan agreement is in effect and (ii) within seven days following the date of the motor vehicle title loan
390 agreement, file to have its security interest in the motor vehicle added to its certificate of title by
391 complying with the requirements of § 46.2-637;

392 12. A licensee shall not make a title loan to a borrower to enable the borrower to (i) pay for any
393 other product or service sold at the licensee's business location or (ii) repay any amount owed to the
394 licensee or an affiliate of the licensee in connection with another credit transaction;

395 13. A licensee's security interest in a motor vehicle shall be promptly released when the borrower's
396 obligations under the loan agreement are satisfied in full. When releasing the security interest in a
397 motor vehicle, a licensee shall (i) mark the original loan agreement with the word "paid" or "canceled,"
398 return it to the borrower, and retain a copy in its records; (ii) take any action necessary to reflect the
399 termination of its lien on the motor vehicle's certificate of title; and (iii) return the certificate of title to
400 the borrower;

401 14. A licensee shall conspicuously post in each licensed location (i) a schedule of finance charges on
402 a title loan, using as an example a \$1,000 loan that is repaid over a 12-month period and (ii) a notice
403 containing the following statement: "Should you wish to file a complaint against us, you may contact the
404 Bureau of Financial Institutions at [insert contact information]." The Commission shall furnish licensees
405 with the appropriate contact information;

406 15. A licensee or affiliate shall not knowingly make a motor vehicle title loan to a covered member 407 of the armed forces or a dependent of such member. Prior to making a motor vehicle title loan, every 408 licensee or affiliate shall inquire of every prospective borrower if the individual is a covered member of 409 the armed forces or a dependent of a covered member. The prospective borrower shall affirm in writing 410 to the licensee or affiliate if he is not a covered member of the armed forces or a dependent of a covered member. For purposes of this section, "covered member of the armed forces" means a person 411 412 on active duty under a call or order that does not specify a period of 30 days or less or on active 413 guard and reserve duty. For purposes of this section, "dependent of a covered member of the armed 414 forces" means the member's spouse, the member's child as defined by 38 U.S.C. § 101(4), or an 415 individual for whom the member provided more than one-half of the individual's support for 180 days 416 immediately preceding the date the motor vehicle title loan is sought;

417 16. In collecting or attempting to collect a motor vehicle title loan, a licensee shall comply with the
418 restrictions and prohibitions applicable to debt collectors contained in the Fair Debt Collection
419 Practices Act (15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.) regarding harassment or abuse, false, misleading or deceptive
420 statements or representations, and unfair practices in collections;

17. A licensee shall not (i) engage in any unfair, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent acts or
practices in the conduct of its business, (ii) engage in any business or activity that directly or indirectly
results in an evasion of the provisions of this chapter, or (iii) threaten, or cause to be instigated,
criminal proceedings against a borrower arising from the borrower's failure to pay any sum due under
a loan agreement;

426 18. A licensee shall not conduct the business of making motor vehicle title loans under this chapter
427 at any office, suite, room, or place of business where any other business is solicited or conducted except
428 a registered check cashing business or such other business as the Commission determines should be

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429 permitted, and subject to such conditions as the Commission deems necessary and in the public interest. 430 No other such business shall be allowed except as permitted by Commission regulation or upon the 431 filing of a written application with the Commission, payment of a \$300 fee, and provision of such 432 information as the Commission may deem pertinent. The Commission shall not, however, permit the sale

433 of insurance or the enrolling of borrowers under group insurance policies;

434 19. A licensee shall provide a safe place for the keeping of all certificates of title while they are in 435 its possession;

436 20. A licensee may require a borrower to purchase or maintain property insurance upon a motor 437 vehicle securing a title loan made pursuant to this chapter. A licensee may not require the borrower to 438 obtain such insurance from a particular provider; and

439 21. If the licensee takes possession of a motor vehicle securing a title loan, the vehicle shall be 440 stored in a secure location. 441

§ 6.1-496. Interest and other charges; term; monthly payments.

442 A. A licensee may charge and collect interest on a motor vehicle title loan at rates not to exceed the 443 following: 444

1. Twenty-two percent per month on the portion of the principal that does not exceed \$700;

445 2. Eighteen percent per month on the portion of the principal that exceeds \$700 but does not exceed 446 \$1.400: and

3. Fifteen percent per month on the portion of the principal that exceeds \$1,400.

448 B. The annual rate of interest shall be charged only upon principal balances outstanding from time 449 to time. Interest shall not be charged on an add-on basis and shall not be compounded or paid, 450 deducted or received in advance. On motor vehicle title loans in excess of \$700, a licensee may accrue 451 interest utilizing a single blended interest rate provided the maximum charge allowed pursuant to 452 subsection A is not exceeded.

453 C. Notwithstanding anything set forth in subsection A, other provisions of this chapter, or in a motor 454 vehicle title loan agreement, interest shall not accrue on the principal balance of a motor vehicle title 455 loan from and after:

456 1. The date that the motor vehicle securing the title loan is repossessed by the licensee making the 457 loan: or

458 2. Sixty days after the borrower has failed to make a monthly payment on a motor vehicle title loan 459 as required by the loan agreement unless the borrower has not surrendered the motor vehicle and the 460 borrower is concealing the motor vehicle.

461 D. In addition to the loan principal and interest permitted under subsection A, a licensee shall not 462 directly or indirectly charge, contract for, collect, receive, recover, or require a borrower to pay any 463 further or other fee, charge, or amount whatsoever except for (i) a licensee's actual cost of perfecting its 464 security interest in a motor vehicle securing the borrower's obligations under a loan agreement and (ii) 465 reasonable costs of repossession and sale of the motor vehicle in accordance with § 6.1-497. A licensee shall not be entitled to collect or recover from a borrower any sum otherwise permitted pursuant to 466 467 § 6.1-330.54, 8.01-27.2, or 8.01-382. In no event shall the borrower be liable for fees incurred in 468 connection with the storage of a motor vehicle securing a title loan following the motor vehicle's 469 repossession by the licensee or its agent, or the voluntary surrender of possession of the motor vehicle 470 by the borrower to the licensee.

471 E. Every title loan shall be a term loan providing for repayment of the principal and interest in 472 substantially equal monthly installments of principal and interest; however, nothing in this chapter shall 473 prohibit a loan agreement from providing for an odd first payment period and an odd first payment 474 greater than other monthly payments because of such odd first payment period. 475

F. A title loan agreement may not be extended, renewed, or refinanced.

G. A licensee may impose a late charge for failure to make timely payment of any amount due under 476 477 the loan agreement provided that such late charge does not exceed the amount permitted by 478 § 6.1-330.80. 479

H. Payments shall be credited by the licensee on the date received.

§ 6.1-497. Limited recourse; repossession and sale of motor vehicle.

481 A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection E, a licensee taking a security interest in a motor 482 vehicle pursuant to this chapter shall be limited, upon default by the borrower, to seeking repossession 483 of, preparing for sale, and selling the motor vehicle in accordance with Title 8.9A. Unless (i) the 484 licensee, at least 10 days prior to repossessing the motor vehicle securing a title loan, has sent to the borrower, by first class mail, written notice advising the borrower that his title loan is in default and 485 486 stating that the motor vehicle may be repossessed unless the principal and interest owed under the loan agreement are paid, and (ii) the borrower does not pay such principal and interest prior to the date the **487** 488 motor vehicle is repossessed by or at the direction of the licensee, then the licensee shall not collect or 489 charge the costs of repossessing and selling the motor vehicle described in clause (ii) of subsection D of 490 § 6.1-496. A licensee shall not repossess a motor vehicle securing a title loan prior to the date specified

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491 in the notice. Except as otherwise provided in subsection E, a licensee shall not seek or obtain a **492** personal money judgment against a borrower for any amount owed under a loan agreement or any 493 deficiency resulting after the sale of a motor vehicle.

**494** B. At least 15 days prior to the sale of a motor vehicle, a licensee shall (i) notify the borrower of 495 the date and time after which the motor vehicle is subject to sale and (ii) provide the borrower with a 496 written accounting of the principal amount due to the licensee, interest accrued through the date the 497 licensee took possession of the motor vehicle, and any reasonable expenses incurred to date by the **498** licensee in taking possession of, preparing for sale, and selling the motor vehicle. At any time prior to 499 such sale, the licensee shall permit the borrower to redeem the motor vehicle by tendering cash or other 500 good funds instrument for the principal amount due to the licensee, interest accrued through the date 501 the licensee took possession, and any reasonable expenses incurred by the licensee in taking possession 502 of, preparing for sale, and selling the motor vehicle.

503 C. Within 30 days of the licensee's receipt of funds from the sale of a motor vehicle, the borrower is 504 entitled to receive all proceeds from such sale of the motor vehicle in excess of the principal amount 505 due to the licensee, interest accrued through the date the licensee took possession, and the reasonable 506 expenses incurred by the licensee in taking possession of, preparing for sale, and selling the motor 507 vehicle.

508 D. Except in the case of fraud or a voluntary surrender of the motor vehicle, a licensee shall not 509 take possession of a motor vehicle until such time as a borrower is in default under the loan agreement. 510 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the repossession and sale of a motor vehicle shall be 511 subject to the provisions of Title 8.9A.

512 E. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, upon default by a borrower, a licensee may seek a 513 personal money judgment against the borrower for any amounts owed under a loan agreement if the 514 borrower impairs the licensee's security interest by (i) intentionally damaging or destroying the motor 515 vehicle, (ii) intentionally concealing the motor vehicle, (iii) giving the licensee a lien in a motor vehicle 516 that is already encumbered by an undisclosed prior lien, or (iv) subsequently giving a security interest 517 in, or selling, a motor vehicle that secures a title loan to a third party, without the licensee's written 518 consent. 519

§ 6.1-498. Advertising.

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520 A. No person licensed or required to be licensed under this chapter shall use or cause to be 521 published any advertisement that (i) contains any false, misleading, or deceptive statement or 522 representation or (ii) identifies the person by any name other than the name set forth on the license 523 issued by the Commission.

524 B. Any advertising materials used to promote the price, cost or interest rate of motor vehicle title 525 loans shall disclose the amount of any minimum monthly payments and a statement of finance charges, 526 expressed as an annual percentage rate, payable using as an example a \$1,000 loan that is repaid over 527 a 12-month period. In any print media advertisement, including any web page, used to promote motor vehicle title loans, the disclosure shall be conspicuous. "Conspicuous" shall have the meaning set forth 528 529 in subdivision (a) (14) of § 59.1-501.2. If a single advertisement consists of multiple pages, folds, or 530 faces, the disclosure requirement applies only to one page, fold, or face. In a television advertisement 531 used to promote motor vehicle title loans, the visual disclosure legend shall include 20 scan lines in 532 size. In a radio advertisement or advertisement communicated by telephone used to promote motor 533 vehicle title loans, the disclosure statement shall last at least two seconds and the statement shall be 534 spoken so that its contents may be easily understood.

535 § 6.1-499. Suspension or revocation of license.

536 A. The Commission may suspend or revoke any license issued under this chapter upon any of the 537 following grounds: 538

1. Any ground for denial of a license under this chapter:

539 2. Any violation of the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant 540 thereto, or a violation of any other law or regulation applicable to the conduct of the licensee's 541 business: 542

3. A course of conduct consisting of the failure to perform written agreements with borrowers;

4. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit;

5. Entry of a judgment against the licensee involving fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit;

545 6. Entry of a federal or state administrative order against the licensee for violation of any law or 546 any regulation applicable to the conduct of his business;

547 7. Refusal to permit an investigation or examination by the Commission;

548 8. Failure to pay any fee or assessment imposed by this chapter; or

549 9. Failure to comply with any order of the Commission.

B. For the purposes of this section, acts of any officer, director, member, partner, trustee, 550 beneficiary, or principal shall be deemed acts of the licensee. 551

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552 § 6.1-500. Cease and desist orders.

553 If the Commission determines that any person has violated any provision of this chapter or any 554 regulation adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto, or violated any other law or regulation 555 applicable to the conduct of a licensee's business, the Commission may, upon 21 days' notice in writing, 556 order such person to cease and desist from such practices and to comply with the provisions of this 557 chapter. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to the principal place of business of such person or 558 other address authorized under § 12.1-19.1 and shall state the grounds for the contemplated action. 559 Within 14 days of mailing the notice, the person or persons named therein may file with the Clerk of the 560 Commission a written request for a hearing. If a hearing is requested, the Commission shall not issue a cease and desist order except based upon findings made at such hearing. Such hearing shall be 561 562 conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission may enforce compliance with any order issued under this section by imposition and collection of such fines 563 564 and penalties as may be prescribed by law.

§ 6.1-501. Notice of proposed suspension or revocation.

The Commission shall not revoke or suspend the license of any person licensed under this chapter 566 upon any of the grounds set forth in § 6.1-499 until it has given the licensee 21 days' notice in writing 567 568 of the reasons for the proposed revocation or suspension and an opportunity to introduce evidence and 569 be heard. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to the principal place of business of the licensee or 570 other address authorized under § 12.1-19.1 and shall state with particularity the grounds for the 571 contemplated action. Within 14 days of mailing the notice, the person or persons named therein may file 572 with the Clerk of the Commission a written request for a hearing. If a hearing is requested, the 573 Commission shall not suspend or revoke the license except based upon findings made at such hearing. 574 The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 575

§ 6.1-502. Fines for violations.

In addition to the authority conferred under §§ 6.1-499 and 6.1-500, the Commission may impose a 576 577 fine or penalty not exceeding \$1,000 upon any person who it determines, in proceedings commenced in 578 accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, has violated any of the provisions 579 of this chapter or regulations promulgated by the Commission pursuant thereto, or violated any other 580 law or regulation applicable to the conduct of a licensee's business. For the purposes of this section, 581 each separate violation shall be subject to the fine or penalty herein prescribed and, in the case of a 582 violation of § 6.1-481, each loan made or arranged shall constitute a separate violation.

583 § 6.1-503. Criminal penalty.

584 Any person violating § 6.1-481 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. For the 585 purposes of this section, each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

586 § 6.1-504. Validity of noncompliant loan agreement.

587 If any provision of a motor vehicle title loan agreement violates a requirement of this chapter, such 588 provision shall be unenforceable against the borrower.

589 § 6.1-505. Application of chapter to Internet loans.

590 The provisions of this chapter, including specifically the licensure requirements of § 6.1-481, shall 591 apply to persons making motor vehicle title loans over the Internet to Virginia residents, whether or not 592 the person making the loan maintains a physical presence in the Commonwealth. 593

§ 6.1-506. Authority of Attorney General; referral by Commission to Attorney General.

594 A. If the Commission determines that a person is in violation of, or has violated, any provision of 595 this chapter, the Commission may refer the information to the Attorney General and may request that 596 the Attorney General investigate such violations. In the case of such referral, the Attorney General is 597 hereby authorized to seek to enjoin violations of this chapter. The circuit court having jurisdiction may 598 enjoin such violations notwithstanding the existence of an adequate remedy at law.

599 B. Upon such referral of the Commission, the Attorney General may also seek, and the circuit court 600 may order or decree, damages and such other relief allowed by law, including restitution to the extent 601 available to borrowers under applicable law. Persons entitled to any relief as authorized by this section shall be identified by order of the court within 180 days from the date of the order permanently 602 603 enjoining the unlawful act or practice.

604 C. In any action brought by the Attorney General by virtue of the authority granted in this section, 605 the Attorney General shall be entitled to seek reasonable attorney fees and costs. 606

§ 6.1-507. Violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

607 Any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a prohibited practice in accordance with § 59.1-200 and shall be subject to any and all of the enforcement provisions of the Virginia 608 Consumer Protection Act (§ 59.1-196 et seq.). 609 610

§ 59.1-200. Prohibited practices.

A. The following fraudulent acts or practices committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer 611 612 transaction are hereby declared unlawful:

613 1. Misrepresenting goods or services as those of another;

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614 2. Misrepresenting the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;

615 3. Misrepresenting the affiliation, connection, or association of the supplier, or of the goods or 616 services, with another;

4. Misrepresenting geographic origin in connection with goods or services: 617

618 5. Misrepresenting that goods or services have certain quantities, characteristics, ingredients, uses, or 619 benefits;

6. Misrepresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model;

621 7. Advertising or offering for sale goods that are used, second-hand, repossessed, defective, 622 blemished, deteriorated, or reconditioned, or that are "seconds," irregulars, imperfects, or "not first 623 class," without clearly and unequivocally indicating in the advertisement or offer for sale that the goods 624 are used, secondhand, repossessed, defective, blemished, deteriorated, reconditioned, or are "seconds," 625 irregulars, imperfects or "not first class";

626 8. Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, or with intent not to sell 627 at the price or upon the terms advertised.

628 In any action brought under this subdivision, the refusal by any person, or any employee, agent, or servant thereof, to sell any goods or services advertised or offered for sale at the price or upon the terms 629 630 advertised or offered, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subdivision. This paragraph 631 shall not apply when it is clearly and conspicuously stated in the advertisement or offer by which such 632 goods or services are advertised or offered for sale, that the supplier or offeror has a limited quantity or 633 amount of such goods or services for sale, and the supplier or offeror at the time of such advertisement 634 or offer did in fact have or reasonably expected to have at least such quantity or amount for sale;

635 9. Making false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts 636 of price reductions;

637 10. Misrepresenting that repairs, alterations, modifications, or services have been performed or parts 638 installed;

639 11. Misrepresenting by the use of any written or documentary material that appears to be an invoice **640** or bill for merchandise or services previously ordered;

12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, using in any manner the words "wholesale," "wholesaler," "factory," or "manufacturer" in the supplier's name, or to describe the nature of the 641 642 643 supplier's business, unless the supplier is actually engaged primarily in selling at wholesale or in 644 manufacturing the goods or services advertised or offered for sale;

645 13. Using in any contract or lease any liquidated damage clause, penalty clause, or waiver of 646 defense, or attempting to collect any liquidated damages or penalties under any clause, waiver, damages, 647 or penalties that are void or unenforceable under any otherwise applicable laws of the Commonwealth, 648 or under federal statutes or regulations;

649 14. Using any other deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation in connection 650 with a consumer transaction;

15. Violating any provision of § 3.2-6512, 3.2-6513, or 3.2-6516, relating to the sale of certain 651 652 animals by pet dealers which is described in such sections, is a violation of this chapter; 653

16. Failing to disclose all conditions, charges, or fees relating to:

654 a. The return of goods for refund, exchange, or credit. Such disclosure shall be by means of a sign 655 attached to the goods, or placed in a conspicuous public area of the premises of the supplier, so as to be 656 readily noticeable and readable by the person obtaining the goods from the supplier. If the supplier does not permit a refund, exchange, or credit for return, he shall so state on a similar sign. The provisions of 657 658 this subdivision shall not apply to any retail merchant who has a policy of providing, for a period of not 659 less than 20 days after date of purchase, a cash refund or credit to the purchaser's credit card account 660 for the return of defective, unused, or undamaged merchandise upon presentation of proof of purchase. In the case of merchandise paid for by check, the purchase shall be treated as a cash purchase and any **661** refund may be delayed for a period of 10 banking days to allow for the check to clear. This subdivision 662 **663** does not apply to sale merchandise that is obviously distressed, out of date, post season, or otherwise **664** reduced for clearance; nor does this subdivision apply to special order purchases where the purchaser 665 has requested the supplier to order merchandise of a specific or unusual size, color, or brand not 666 ordinarily carried in the store or the store's catalog; nor shall this subdivision apply in connection with a 667 transaction for the sale or lease of motor vehicles, farm tractors, or motorcycles as defined in 668 § 46.2-100;

b. A layaway agreement. Such disclosure shall be furnished to the consumer (i) in writing at the time 669 670 of the lavaway agreement, or (ii) by means of a sign placed in a conspicuous public area of the premises of the supplier, so as to be readily noticeable and readable by the consumer, or (iii) on the bill 671 672 of sale. Disclosure shall include the conditions, charges, or fees in the event that a consumer breaches 673

the agreement;

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674 16a. Failing to provide written notice to a consumer of an existing open-end credit balance in excess

675	of \$5 (i) on an account maintained by the supplier and (ii) resulting from such consumer's overpayment
676	on such account. Suppliers shall give consumers written notice of such credit balances within 60 days of
677 678	receiving overpayments. If the credit balance information is incorporated into statements of account
679	furnished consumers by suppliers within such 60-day period, no separate or additional notice is required; 17. If a supplier enters into a written agreement with a consumer to resolve a dispute that arises in
<b>680</b>	connection with a consumer transaction, failing to adhere to the terms and conditions of such an
681	agreement;
682	18. Violating any provision of the Virginia Health Spa Act, Chapter 24 (§ 59.1-294 et seq.) of this
683	title;
684	19. Violating any provision of the Virginia Home Solicitation Sales Act, Chapter 2.1 (§ 59.1-21.1 et
685 686	seq.) of this title;
686 687	20. Violating any provision of the Automobile Repair Facilities Act, Chapter 17.1 (§ 59.1-207.1 et seq.) of this title;
688	21. Violating any provision of the Virginia Lease-Purchase Agreement Act, Chapter 17.4
689	(§ 59.1-207.17 et seq.) of this title;
690	22. Violating any provision of the Prizes and Gifts Act, Chapter 31 (§ 59.1-415 et seq.) of this title;
691	23. Violating any provision of the Virginia Public Telephone Information Act, Chapter 32
<b>692</b>	(§ 59.1-424 et seq.) of this title;
693 694	24. Violating any provision of § 54.1-1505; 25. Violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers' Warranty Adjustment Act, Chapter
695	17.6 (§ 59.1-207.34 et seq.) of this title;
696	26. Violating any provision of § 3.2-5627, relating to the pricing of merchandise;
697	27. Violating any provision of the Pay-Per-Call Services Act, Chapter 33 (§ 59.1-429 et seq.) of this
698	title;
<b>699</b>	28. Violating any provision of the Extended Service Contract Act, Chapter 34 (§ 59.1-435 et seq.) of
700 701	this title; 20 Violating any provision of the Virginia Mambarship Comping Act. Chapter 25 (8 50.1.211 at
701	29. Violating any provision of the Virginia Membership Camping Act, Chapter 25 (§ 59.1-311 et seq.) of this title;
703	30. Violating any provision of the Comparison Price Advertising Act, Chapter 17.7 (§ 59.1-207.40 et
704	seq.) of this title;
705	31. Violating any provision of the Virginia Travel Club Act, Chapter 36 (§ 59.1-445 et seq.) of this
706	title;
707 708	32. Violating any provision of §§ 46.2-1231 and 46.2-1233.1; 33. Violating any provision of Chapter 40 (§ 54.1-4000 et seq.) of Title 54.1;
708 709	34. Violating any provision of Chapter 10.1 (§ 58.1-1031 et seq.) of Title 58.1;
710	35. Using the consumer's social security number as the consumer's account number with the supplier,
711	if the consumer has requested in writing that the supplier use an alternate number not associated with
712	the consumer's social security number;
713	36. Violating any provision of Chapter 18 (§ 6.1-444 et seq.) of Title 6.1;
714 715	<ul> <li>37. Violating any provision of § 8.01-40.2;</li> <li>38. Violating any provision of Article 7 (§ 32.1-212 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1;</li> </ul>
716	39. Violating any provision of Chapter 34.1 (§ 59.1-441.1 et seq.) of this title;
717	40. Violating any provision of Chapter 10.2 (§ 6.1-363.2 et seq.) of Title 6.1;
718	41. Violating any provision of the Virginia Post-Disaster Anti-Price Gouging Act, Chapter 46
719	(§ 59.1-525 et seq.) of this title;
720	42. Violating any provision of Chapter 47 (§ 59.1-530 et seq.) of this title;
721 722	43. Violating any provision of § 59.1-443.2; 44. Violating any provision of Chapter 48 (§ 59.1-533 et seq.) of this title;
723	45. Violating any provision of Chapter 20 (§ 6.1-474 et seq.) of Title 6.1;
724	46. Violating the provisions of clause (i) of subsection B of § 54.1-1115;
725	47. Violating any provision of § 18.2-239;
726	48. Violating any provision of Chapter 26 (§ 59.1-336 et seq.);
727	49. Selling, offering for sale, or manufacturing for sale a children's product the supplier knows or has
728	reason to know was recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. There is a rebuttable
729 730	presumption that a supplier has reason to know a children's product was recalled if notice of the recall has been posted continuously at least 30 days before the sale, offer for sale, or manufacturing for sale
730	on the website of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This prohibition does not apply to
732	children's products that are used, secondhand or "seconds"; and
733	50. Violating any provision of Chapter 44.1 (§ 59.1-518.1 et seq.) of this title; and
734	51. Violating any provision of Chapter 21 (§ 6.1-480 et sea.) of Title 6.1.

734 51. Violating any provision of Chapter 21 (§ 0.1-480 et seq.) of Title 0.1.
735 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate or make unenforceable any contract or
736 lease solely by reason of the failure of such contract or lease to comply with any other law of the

737 Commonwealth or any federal statute or regulation, to the extent such other law, statute, or regulation
738 provides that a violation of such law, statute, or regulation shall not invalidate or make unenforceable
739 such contract or lease.

- 740 2. That the State Corporation Commission shall establish a procedure, to be in effect by August 1,
- 741 2010, for any person to apply, prior to October 1, 2010, for a license to be issued pursuant to 742 Chapter 21 (§ 6.1-480 et seq.) of Title 6.1 of the Code of Virginia, when such chapter becomes 743 effective.
- 3. That nothing in this act shall prohibit the collection of any outstanding loan or extension of credit made under § 6.1-330.78 of the Code of Virginia that is secured by a lien on a motor vehicle, in accordance with the terms of a loan agreement made prior to the effective date of this act; however, no additional extensions of credit or advances shall be made under such motor vehicle secured loan agreement, and such a motor vehicle secured loan agreement shall not be
- extended or renewed, on or after the effective date of this act.
  4. That an applicant for a license pursuant to Chapter 21 (§ 6.1-480 et seq.) of Title 6.1 of the
  Code of Virginia shall not be required to provide to the State Corporation Commission, in
  connection with the State Corporation Commission's determination of whether the applicant
  satisfies the qualifications for licensure set forth in § 6.1-486, any business records or documents
  that relate to loans made by the applicant prior to October 1, 2007, pursuant to § 6.1-330.78 of the
- 755 Code of Virginia. In addition, matters involving extensions of credit secured by a motor vehicle
- 756 that have been reviewed and resolved between a person and the Commonwealth prior to the
- 757 enactment of this act shall not be a bar to licensure under Chapter 21 (§ 6.1-480 et seq.) of Title
- 758 6.1 of the Code of Virginia.
- 759 5. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall become effective on October 1, 2010.