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HOUSE BILL NO. 2284

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 6.2-2001 of the Code of Virginia, relating to providers of debt management plans; exempt entities.*

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 6.2-2001 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 6.2-2001. License requirement; exceptions.

A. No person shall engage in the business of providing or offering to provide a DMP to any consumer, whether or not the person has an office, facility, agent, or other physical presence in the Commonwealth, unless such person obtains from the Commission a license issued pursuant to this chapter. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to *any bank, savings institution, or credit union, or to a person licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth.*

B. This chapter shall be construed by the Commission to promote sound personal financial advice and management, and protect against financial loss consumers who place money or control of their funds or credit into the custody of an agency for transmission to such consumers' creditors.

C. A person licensed under this chapter is not required to be licensed as a money transmitter under Chapter 19 (§ 6.2-1900 et seq.), if the person's money transmission activities are limited to providing debt pooling and distribution services in accordance with this chapter.

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