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A BILL

| То | amend sections 1321.35, 1321.36, 1321.39, | 1 |
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| | 1321.40, 1321.41, 1321.422, 1321.99, and | 2 |
| | 4712.99, to enact new section 1321.46 and | 3 |
| | sections 1321.141, 1321.401, 1321.402, 1321.403, | 4 |
| | 1321.411, 1321.595, and 4712.071, and to repeal | 5 |
| | sections 1321.46 and 1321.461 of the Revised | 6 |
| | Code to modify the Short-Term Loan Act, to | 7 |
| | specify a minimum duration requirement for loans | 8 |
| | made under the Small Loan Law and Mortgage Loan | 9 |
| | Law, and to limit the authority of credit | 10 |
| | services organizations to broker extensions of | 11 |
| | credit for buyers. | 12 |

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

| Section 1. That sections 1321.35, 1321.36, 1321.39, | 13 |
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| 1321.40, 1321.41, 1321.422, 1321.99, and 4712.99 be amended and | 14 |
| new section 1321.46 and sections 1321.141, 1321.401, 1321.402, | 15 |
| 1321.403, 1321.411, 1321.595, and 4712.071 of the Revised Code | 16 |
| be enacted to read as follows: | 1 |
| Sec. 1321.141. (A) A licensee shall not make a loan under | 18 |
| sections 1321 01 to 1321 19 of the Revised Code that has a | 1 (|

| duration of less than one hundred eighty days. | 20 |
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| (B) A licensee shall not engage in any act or practice to | 21 |
| evade the requirement of division (A) of this section, including | 22 |
| by assisting a borrower to obtain a loan on terms that would be | 23 |
| prohibited by that division. | 24 |
| (C) No licensee shall fail to comply with this section. | 25 |
| Sec. 1321.35. As used in sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of | 26 |
| the Revised Code: | 27 |
| (A) "Short-term loan" means a loan made pursuant to | 28 |
| sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code. | 29 |
| (B) "Superintendent of financial institutions" includes | 30 |
| the deputy superintendent for consumer finance as provided in | 31 |
| section 1181.21 of the Revised Code. | 32 |
| (C) "Interest" means all charges payable directly or | 33 |
| indirectly by a borrower to a licensee as a condition to a loan, | 34 |
| including fees, loan origination charges, service charges, | 35 |
| renewal charges, credit insurance premiums, and any ancillary | 36 |
| product sold in connection with a short-term loan-made pursuant- | 37 |
| to sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 , but does not include the | 38 |
| monthly maintenance fees or the check collection charge | 39 |
| authorized under section 1321.40 of the Revised Code. | 40 |
| (D) "Annual percentage rate" has the same meaning as in | 41 |
| the "Truth in Lending Act," 82 Stat. 149 (1980), 15 U.S.C. 1606, | 42 |
| as implemented by regulations of the board of governors of the | 43 |
| federal reserve system consumer financial protection bureau. All | 44 |
| fees and charges, including interest and the monthly maintenance | 45 |
| fees authorized under section 1321.40 of the Revised Code, shall | 46 |
| be included in the computation of the annual percentage rate. | 47 |
| Fees and charges for single premium credit insurance and other | 48 |

| ancillary products sold in connection with the credit | 49 |
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| transaction shall be included in the calculation of the annual- | 50 |
| percentage rate. | 51 |
| (E) "Licensee" means a person licensed to make short-term | 52 |
| <pre>loans under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code.</pre> | 53 |
| Sec. 1321.36. (A) No person shall engage in the business | 54 |
| of making short-term loans to a borrower in Ohio, or, in whole | 55 |
| or in part, make, offer, or broker a loan, or assist a borrower | 56 |
| in Ohio to obtain such a loan, without first having obtained a | 57 |
| license from the superintendent of financial institutions under | 58 |
| sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code. No licensee | 59 |
| shall make, offer, or broker a loan, or assist a borrower to | 60 |
| obtain such a loan, when the borrower is not physically present | 61 |
| in the licensee's business location. | 62 |
| (B) No person not located in Ohio shall make a short-term | 63 |
| loan to a borrower in Ohio from an office not located in Ohio. | 64 |
| Nothing in this section prohibits a business not located or | 65 |
| licensed in Ohio from lending funds to Ohio borrowers who | 66 |
| physically visit the out-of-state office of the business and | 67 |
| obtain the disbursement of loan funds at that location. No | 68 |
| person shall make, offer, or broker a loan, or assist a borrower | 69 |
| to obtain a loan, via the telephone, mail, or internet. | 70 |
| (C) Any loan made in violation of this section is void, | 71 |
| and the lender has no right to collect, receive, or retain any | 72 |
| principal, interest, fees, or other charges in connection with | 73 |
| the loan. | 74 |
| (D) Sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code do not | 75 |
| apply to any entity chartered and lawfully doing business under | 76 |
| the authority of any law of this state, another state, or the | 77 |

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| United States as a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings | 78 |
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| and loan association, or credit union, or a subsidiary of any | 79 |
| such entity, which subsidiary is regulated by a federal banking | 80 |
| agency and is owned and controlled by a depository institution. | 81 |
| Sec. 1321.39. A licensee under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 | 82 |
| of the Revised Code may engage in the business of making loans | 83 |
| provided that each loan meets all of the following conditions: | 84 |
| (A) The total amount of the loan does not exceed five | 85 |
| hundred dollars. | 86 |
| (B) The <u>minimum</u> duration of the loan, as specified in the | 87 |
| loan contract required under division (C) of this section, is | 88 |
| not less than thirty-one days is the number of months equal to | 89 |
| the sum of the originally contracted loan amount and all | 90 |
| applicable charges divided by the total monthly payment. | 91 |
| (C) The total monthly payment on the loan does not exceed | 92 |
| an amount that is five per cent of the borrower's verified gross | 93 |
| monthly income or six per cent of the borrower's verified net | 94 |
| monthly income, whichever is greater. | 95 |
| (D) The loan is made pursuant to a written loan contract | 96 |
| that sets forth the terms and conditions of the loan. A copy of | 97 |
| the loan contract shall be provided to the borrower. The loan | 98 |
| contract shall disclose in a clear and concise manner all of the | 99 |
| following: | 100 |
| (1) The total amount of fees and charges the borrower will | 101 |
| be required to pay in connection with the loan pursuant to the | 102 |
| loan contract; | 103 |
| (2) The total amount of each payment, when each payment is | 104 |
| due, and the total number of payments that the borrower will be | 105 |
| required to make under the loan contract; | 106 |

| (3) A statement, printed in boldface type of the minimum | 107 |
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| size of ten points, as follows: "WARNING: The cost of this loan | 108 |
| is higher than the average cost charged by financial | 109 |
| institutions on substantially similar loans." | 110 |
| (4) A statement, printed in a minimum font size of ten | 111 |
| points, which informs the borrower that complaints regarding the | 112 |
| loan or lender may be submitted to the department of commerce | 113 |
| division of financial institutions and includes the correct | 114 |
| telephone number and mailing address for the department; | 115 |
| (5) Any disclosures required under the "Truth in Lending | 116 |
| Act," 82 Stat. 146 (1974), 15 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.; | 117 |
| (6) The rate of interest contracted for under the loan- | 118 |
| contract as an annual percentage rate based on the sum of the | 119 |
| principal of the loan and the loan origination fee, check- | 120 |
| collection charge, and all other fees or charges contracted for- | 121 |
| under the loan contract.; | 122 |
| (7) A statement, printed in a minimum font size of ten | 123 |
| points, as follows: "You have the right to rescind or cancel | 124 |
| this loan if you do so by five p.m. of the business day | 125 |
| <pre>immediately following the day you receive this contract."</pre> | 126 |
| (8) A statement, printed in a minimum font size of ten | 127 |
| points, as follows: "Electronic payment is optional. You have | 128 |
| the right to revoke or remove your authorization for electronic | 129 |
| payment at any time." | 130 |
| (D) (E) The loan contract includes a provision that offers | 131 |
| the borrower an optional extended payment plan that may be | 132 |
| invoked by the borrower at any time before the maturity date of | 133 |
| the loan. To invoke the extended payment plan, the borrower- | 134 |
| shall return to the office where the loan was made and sign an- | 135 |

| amendment to the original loan agreement reflecting the extended | 136 |
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| terms of the loan. The extended payment plan shall allow the | 137 |
| borrower to repay the balance by not less than sixty days from- | 138 |
| the original maturity date. No additional fees or charges may be | 139 |
| applied to the loan upon the borrower entering the extended- | 140 |
| payment plan. The person originating the loan for the licensee- | 141 |
| shall identify verbally to the borrower the contract provision- | 142 |
| regarding the extended payment plan, and the borrower shall- | 143 |
| verify that the provision has been identified by initialing the- | 144 |
| contract adjacent to the provision is a precomputed loan and is | 145 |
| payable in substantially equal installments of principal, fees, | 146 |
| and interest combined. For purposes of this division, | 147 |
| "precomputed loan" means a loan in which the debt is a sum | 148 |
| comprising the principal amount and the amount of fees and | 149 |
| interest computed in advance on the assumption that all | 150 |
| scheduled payments will be made when due. | 151 |
| (F) The loan may be rescinded or canceled on or before | 152 |
| five p.m. of the business day immediately following the day of | 153 |
| the loan transaction. | 154 |
| Sec. 1321.40. A person licensed pursuant to sections | 155 |
| 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code licensee may charge, | 156 |
| collect, and receive only the following fees and charges in | 157 |
| connection with a short-term loan: | 158 |
| (A) Interest calculated in compliance with 15 U.S.C. 1606, | 159 |
| and not exceeding an annual percentage a rate greater than of | 160 |
| twenty-eight per cent per annum; | 161 |
| (B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of | 162 |
| this section, a monthly maintenance fee that does not exceed the | 163 |
| lesser of five per cent of the originally contracted loan amount | 164 |
| or twenty dollars, provided that the fee is not added to the | 165 |

| loan balance on which interest is charged; | 166 |
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| (2) A licensee shall not charge, collect, or receive a | 167 |
| monthly maintenance fee if the borrower is a person on active | 168 |
| duty in the armed forces of the United States or a dependent of | 169 |
| that person. | 170 |
| (C) One check collection charge per loan not exceeding an | 171 |
| amount equal to twenty dollars plus any amount passed on from | 172 |
| other financial institutions for each check, negotiable order of | 173 |
| withdrawal, share draft, or other negotiable instrument returned | 174 |
| or dishonored for any reason, provided that the terms and | 175 |
| conditions upon which check collection charges will be charged | 176 |
| to the borrower are set forth in the written loan contract | 177 |
| described in division $\frac{\text{(C)}}{\text{(D)}}$ of section 1321.39 of the Revised | 178 |
| Code; | 179 |
| $\frac{(C)}{(D)}$ Damages, costs, and disbursements to which the | 180 |
| licensee may become entitled to by law in connection with any | 181 |
| civil action to collect a loan after default, except that the | 182 |
| total amount of damages and costs shall not exceed the | 183 |
| originally contracted loan amount. | 184 |
| Sec. 1321.401. A licensee may refinance a short-term loan | 185 |
| provided that all of the following apply to the refinanced loan: | 186 |
| (A) The loan is a short-term loan. | 187 |
| (B) Interest on the loan does not exceed a rate of twenty- | 188 |
| eight per cent per annum. | 189 |
| (C) The licensee does not charge, collect, or receive the | 190 |
| monthly maintenance fee described in division (B) of section | 191 |
| 1321.40 of the Revised Code. | 192 |
| Sec. 1321.402. If a short-term loan is prepaid in full or | 193 |

| refinanced prior to the loan's maturity date, the licensee shall | 194 |
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| refund to the borrower a prorated portion of the interest, | 195 |
| monthly maintenance fees, and all other charges based on a ratio | 196 |
| of the number of days the loan was outstanding and the number of | 197 |
| days for which the loan was originally contracted. For purposes | 198 |
| of this section, the monthly maintenance fee is not considered | 199 |
| to be fully earned at the beginning of a month. | 200 |
| Sec. 1321.403. Notwithstanding any provision of sections | 201 |
| 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code to the contrary, a | 202 |
| licensee shall not charge, collect, or receive in connection | 203 |
| with a short-term loan a total amount of fees and charges that | 204 |
| exceeds fifty per cent of the originally contracted loan amount. | 205 |
| For purposes of this section, all charges made in connection | 206 |
| with the loan shall be included when calculating the total loan | 207 |
| charges except for both of the following: | 208 |
| (A) The check collection charge authorized under section | 209 |
| 1321.40 of the Revised Code; | 210 |
| (B) The interest charges on a loan that is refinanced in | 211 |
| accordance with section 1321.401 of the Revised Code. | 212 |
| Sec. 1321.41. No person licensed pursuant to sections- | 213 |
| 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code licensee shall do any of | 214 |
| the following: | 215 |
| (A) Violate section 1321.36 of the Revised Code; | 216 |
| (B) Make a loan that does not comply with section 1321.39 | 217 |
| of the Revised Code; | 218 |
| (C) Charge, collect, or receive, directly or indirectly, | 219 |
| credit insurance premiums, charges for any ancillary product | 220 |
| sold, or any additional fees, interest, or charges in connection | 221 |
| with a loan, other than fees and charges permitted by section | 222 |

| 1321.40 of the Revised Code—and costs or disbursements to which— | 223 |
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| the licensee may become entitled to by law in connection with- | 224 |
| any civil action to collect a loan after default; | 225 |
| (D) Collect treble damages pursuant to division (A)(1)(b) | 226 |
| (ii) of section 2307.61 of the Revised Code in connection with | 227 |
| any civil action to collect a loan after a default due to a | 228 |
| check, negotiable order of withdrawal, share draft, or other | 229 |
| negotiable instrument that was returned or dishonored for | 230 |
| insufficient funds; | 231 |
| (E) Make-Except as otherwise provided in section 1321.401 | 232 |
| of the Revised Code, make a short-term loan to a borrower if | 233 |
| there exists an outstanding loan between the licensee and that | 234 |
| borrower, if a loan between any licensee and that borrower was | 235 |
| terminated on the same business day, if the borrower has more- | 236 |
| than one outstanding loan, if the loan would obligate the | 237 |
| borrower to repay a total amount of more than five hundred | 238 |
| dollars to licensees, or indebt the borrower, to licensees, for | 239 |
| an amount that is more than twenty-five per cent of the- | 240 |
| borrowers gross monthly salary not including bonus, overtime, or- | 241 |
| other such compensation, based on a payroll verification- | 242 |
| statement presented by the borrower; and any of the following: | 243 |
| (1) The licensee; | 244 |
| (2) A person related to the licensee by common ownership | 245 |
| or control; | 246 |
| (3) A person in whom the licensee has any financial | 247 |
| interest of ten per cent or more; | 248 |
| (4) Any employee or agent of the licensee. | 249 |
| (F) Bring or threaten to bring an action or complaint | 250 |
| against the borrower for the borrower's failure to comply with | 251 |

| the terms of the loan contract solely due to the check, | 252 |
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| negotiable order of withdrawal, share draft, or negotiable | 253 |
| instrument being returned or dishonored for insufficient funds. | 254 |
| Nothing herein prohibits such conduct, action, or complaint if | 255 |
| the borrower has intentionally engaged in fraud by, including | 256 |
| but not limited to, closing or using any closed or false account | 257 |
| to evade payment; | 258 |
| (G) Make a short-term loan to a borrower for purposes of | 259 |
| retiring an existing short term loan between any licensee and | 260 |
| that borrower; | 261 |
| (H)—Require the borrower to waive the borrower's right to | 262 |
| legal recourse under any otherwise applicable provision of state | 263 |
| or federal law; | 264 |
| (I) Accept the title or registration of a vehicle, | 265 |
| real property, physical assets, or other collateral as security | 266 |
| for the obligation; | 267 |
| (J) Engage in any device or subterfuge to evade the | 268 |
| requirements of sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code | 269 |
| including assisting a borrower to obtain a loan on terms that | 270 |
| would be prohibited by sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the | 271 |
| Revised Code, making loans disguised as personal property sales | 272 |
| and leaseback transactions, or disguising loan proceeds as cash | 273 |
| rebates for the pretextual installment sale of goods or | 274 |
| services; | 275 |
| (K) (J) Assess or charge a borrower a fee for prepaying | 276 |
| the loan in full prior to the maturity date; | 277 |
| (L) (K) Fail to comply with section 1321.45 of the Revised | 278 |
| Code; | 279 |
| $\frac{(M)-(L)}{(L)}$ Recommend to a borrower that the borrower obtain a | 280 |

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| to submitting such check, negotiable order of withdrawal, or | 310 |
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| share draft for processing through the automated clearing house | 311 |
| system, or submit false information about any check, negotiable | 312 |
| order of withdrawal, or share draft to the automated clearing | 313 |
| house system; | 314 |
| (R) Make a loan to a borrower that includes a demand | 315 |
| feature that permits the licensee, in the event the borrower | 316 |
| fails to meet the repayment terms for any outstanding balance, | 317 |
| to terminate the loan in advance of the original maturity date | 318 |
| and to demand repayment of the entire outstanding balance, | 319 |
| unless both of the following requirements are met: | 320 |
| (1) Not earlier than ten days after the borrower's payment | 321 |
| was due, the licensee provides written notice to the borrower of | 322 |
| the termination of the loan. | 323 |
| (2) In addition to the outstanding balance, the licensee | 324 |
| collects only prorated interest and the fees earned up to the | 325 |
| termination of the loan. For purposes of division (R)(2) of this | 326 |
| section, the outstanding balance and prorated interest and fees | 327 |
| shall be calculated as if the borrower had voluntarily prepaid | 328 |
| the loan in full on the date of termination. | 329 |
| Sec. 1321.411. A licensee shall not attempt to collect | 330 |
| from a borrower's account after two consecutive attempts have | 331 |
| failed, unless the licensee obtains new written authorization | 332 |
| from the borrower to electronically transfer or withdraw funds | 333 |
| from the borrower's account. | 334 |
| Sec. 1321.422. (A) Every licensee shall keep and use in | 335 |
| the licensee's business such books, accounts, records, and loan | 336 |
| documents as will enable the division of financial institutions | 337 |
| to determine whether the licensee is complying with sections | 338 |

| 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code and with the orders and | 339 |
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| rules made by the division under those sections. Such books, | 340 |
| accounts, records, and loan documents shall be segregated from | 341 |
| those pertaining to transactions that are not subject to | 342 |
| sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code. Every licensee | 343 |
| shall preserve the books, accounts, records, and loan documents | 344 |
| pertaining to loans made under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of | 345 |
| the Revised Code for at least two years after making the final | 346 |
| entry on, or final revision of any loan document relative to, | 347 |
| any loan recorded therein. Accounting systems maintained in | 348 |
| whole or in part by mechanical or electronic data processing | 349 |
| methods that provide information equivalent to that otherwise | 350 |
| required are acceptable for this purpose. | 351 |
| (B)(1) As required by the superintendent of financial | 352 |
| institutions, each licensee shall file with the division each | 353 |
| year a report under oath or affirmation, on forms supplied by | 354 |
| the division, concerning the business and operation for the | 355 |
| preceding calendar year. If a licensee has more than one place | 356 |
| of business in this state, the licensee shall furnish a report | 357 |
| for each location. | 358 |
| (2) The division shall publish annually and make available | 359 |
| to the public an analysis of the information required under | 360 |
| division (B)(1) of this section, but the individual reports | 361 |
| shall not be public records and shall not be open to public | 362 |
| inspection. The published analysis shall include all of the | 363 |
| <pre>following:</pre> | 364 |
| (a) The total number of borrowers, loans, defaulted loans, | 365 |
| and charged-off loans and the total dollar value of the charged- | 366 |
| off loans; | 367 |

(b) The average loan size, average contracted and average

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| experienced annual percentage rate, average charges per loan, | 369 |
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| total contracted loan charges, and total loan charges actually | 370 |
| <pre>paid;</pre> | 371 |
| (c) The total number of check collection charges and the | 372 |
| total dollar value of those charges; | 373 |
| (d) The total number of licensee business locations and | 374 |
| the average number of borrowers per location; | 375 |
| (e) Any other nonprivate information determined by the | 376 |
| superintendent. | 377 |
| Sec. 1321.46. (A) Before initiating a short-term loan | 378 |
| transaction with a borrower, a licensee shall make a reasonable | 379 |
| attempt to verify the borrower's income for purposes of division | 380 |
| (C) of section 1321.39 of the Revised Code. At a minimum, the | 381 |
| licensee shall obtain from the borrower one or more recent pay | 382 |
| stubs or other written evidence of recurring income, such as a | 383 |
| bank statement. The written evidence shall include at least one | 384 |
| document that, when presented to the licensee, is dated not | 385 |
| earlier than forty-five days prior to the borrower's initiation | 386 |
| of the short-term loan transaction. If the borrower intends to | 387 |
| provide a bank statement, the licensee shall permit the borrower | 388 |
| to delete from the statement the information regarding to whom | 389 |
| the debits listed on the statement are payable. | 390 |
| (B) The superintendent of financial institutions may adopt | 391 |
| rules under section 1321.43 of the Revised Code that set forth | 392 |
| any other procedures the superintendent considers necessary to | 393 |
| ensure accurate verification of borrower income. | 394 |
| Sec. 1321.595. (A) A registrant shall not make a loan_ | 395 |
| under sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code that has a | 396 |
| duration of less than one hundred eighty days. | 397 |

| (B) A registrant shall not engage in any act or practice | 398 |
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| to evade the requirement of division (A) of this section, | 399 |
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| including by contracting with a borrower to make a loan on terms | |
| that would be prohibited by that division. | 401 |
| (C) No registrant shall fail to comply with this section. | 402 |
| Sec. 1321.99. (A) Whoever violates section 1321.02 of the | 403 |
| Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. | 404 |
| (B) Whoever violates section 1321.13 of the Revised Code | 405 |
| shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five | 406 |
| hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. | 407 |
| (C) Whoever violates section 1321.14 of the Revised Code | 408 |
| shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred | 409 |
| dollars for a first offense; for a second offense such person | 410 |
| shall be fined not less than two hundred nor more than five | 411 |
| hundred dollars and imprisoned for not more than six months. | 412 |
| (D) Whoever willfully violates section 1321.57, 1321.58, | 413 |
| division (A), (B), (C), or (D) of section 1321.59, 1321.591, or | 414 |
| 1321.60 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and | 415 |
| shall be fined not less than one nor more than five hundred | 416 |
| dollars. | 417 |
| (E) Whoever violates section 1321.52 or division (I), (J), | 418 |
| (K), (L), or (M) of section 1321.59 of the Revised Code is | 419 |
| guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. | 420 |
| (F) Whoever violates division (A) of section 1321.73 of | 421 |
| the Revised Code shall be fined not more than five hundred | 422 |
| dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. | 423 |
| (G) Whoever violates section 1321.41 of the Revised Code | 424 |
| is quilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree | 425 |

| (H) Whoever violates division (N) of section 1321.59 of | 426 |
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| the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. | 427 |
| (I) Whoever violates section 1321.141 or 1321.595 of the | 428 |
| Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined | 429 |
| not less than one nor more than five hundred dollars. | 430 |
| (J) The offenses established under sections 1321.141, | 431 |
| 1321.41, and 1321.595 of the Revised Code are strict liability | 432 |
| offenses and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does not apply. | 433 |
| The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses | 434 |
| shall not be construed to imply that any other offense for which | 435 |
| there is no specified degree of culpability, whether in this | 436 |
| section or another section of the Revised Code, is not a strict | 437 |
| liability offense. | 438 |
| (K) The imposition of fines pursuant to this section does | 439 |
| not preclude the imposition of any administrative fines or civil | 440 |
| penalties authorized under section 1321.54 or any other section | 441 |
| of the Revised Code. | 442 |
| Sec. 4712.071. No credit services organization shall | 443 |
| broker an extension of credit for a buyer that meets any of the | 444 |
| <pre>following conditions:</pre> | 445 |
| (A) The amount is less than five thousand dollars. | 446 |
| (B) The repayment term is shorter than one hundred eighty | 447 |
| days. | 448 |
| (C) The annual percentage rate exceeds twenty-eight per | 449 |
| cent. For purposes of this division, "annual percentage rate" | 450 |
| has the same meaning as in section 1321.35 of the Revised Code. | 451 |
| Sec. 4712.99. (A) Whoever violates division (J) of section | 452 |
| 4712.02, division (E) of section 4712.04, division (D) or (E) of | 453 |

| section 4712.05, division (A) of section 4712.06, section | 454 |
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| 4712.07 or 4712.08, or division (A) of section 4712.09 of the | 455 |
| Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. | 456 |
| (B) (1) Whoever violates section 4712.071 of the Revised | 457 |
| Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not | 458 |
| less than one nor more than five hundred dollars. | 459 |
| (2) The offense established under section 4712.071 of the | 460 |
| Revised Code is a strict liability offense and section 2901.20 | 461 |
| of the Revised Code does not apply. The designation of this | 462 |
| offense as a strict liability offense shall not be construed to | 463 |
| imply that any other offense for which there is no specified | 464 |
| degree of culpability, whether in this section or another | 465 |
| section of the Revised Code, is not a strict liability offense. | 466 |
| Section 2. That existing sections 1321.35, 1321.36, | 467 |
| 1321.39, 1321.40, 1321.41, 1321.422, 1321.99, and 4712.99 and | 468 |
| sections 1321.46 and 1321.461 of the Revised Code are hereby | 469 |
| repealed. | 470 |
| Section 3. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, | 471 |
| Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply only to loans that are made, | 472 |
| or extensions of credit that are obtained, on or after the date | 473 |
| that is ninety days after the effective date of this act. | 474 |
| (B) The Superintendent of Financial Institutions may delay | 475 |
| the application of Sections 1 and 2 of this act for up to an | 476 |
| additional ninety days, if the Superintendent determines the | 477 |
| delay is necessary to ensure full compliance with the act. | 478 |