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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Uniform Consumer Credit Code;  
8 amending 14A O.S. 2021, Section 1-106, as last amended  
9 by Section 1, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2022 (14A O.S.  
10 Supp. 2022, Section 1-106), which relates to changes  
11 in certain dollar amounts; amending 14A O.S. 2021,  
12 Section 1-301, which relates to definitions;  
13 modifying definition; amending 14A O.S. 2021, Section  
14 6-501, which relates to the Department of Consumer  
15 Credit; eliminating references to Consumer Credit  
16 Advisory Committee; and providing an effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 14A O.S. 2021, Section 1-106, as  
19 amended by Section 1, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2022 (14A O.S. Supp. 2022,  
20 Section 1-106), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1-106. (1) From time to time the dollar amounts in  
22 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of Section 2-201,  
23 paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of Section 2-203, subsection (1) of  
24 Section 2-407, Section 2-413, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of  
Section 3-203, Section 3-203.1, subsection (4) of Section 3-508A,  
subsection (1) of Section 3-510, paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section

1 3-511, Section 3-514, and subsections (2) and (3) of Section 5-103  
2 of the Uniform Consumer Credit Code, are hereby designated as  
3 subject to change and shall change, as provided in this section and  
4 the rules of the Administrator, according to and to the extent of  
5 changes in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and  
6 Clerical Workers: U.S. City Average, All Items, 1967=100, compiled  
7 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of  
8 Labor, and hereafter referred to as the Index. The Index for  
9 December of the year 1973 shall be deemed the Reference Base Index.  
10 The dollar amounts established by rule of the Administrator in  
11 paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 2-104, paragraph (b) of  
12 subsection (1) of Section 2-106 and paragraph (d) of Section 3-104  
13 of the Uniform Consumer Credit Code in effect on January 1, 1982,  
14 shall remain in full force and effect.

15 (2) From time to time, the dollar amounts in subsection (1) of  
16 Section 3-508B of the Uniform Consumer Credit Code are hereby  
17 designated as subject to change and shall change, as provided in  
18 this section and the rules of the Administrator, according to and to  
19 the extent of changes in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage  
20 Earners and Clerical Workers: U.S. City Average, All Items, 1982-  
21 84=100, compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States  
22 Department of Labor, and hereafter referred to as the Index. The  
23 Index for December ~~2021~~ 2020 shall be deemed the Reference Base  
24 Index.

1 (3) The designated dollar amounts referenced in subsection (1)  
2 of this section shall change on July 1 of each year if the  
3 percentage of change, calculated to the nearest whole percentage  
4 point, between the Index at the end of the preceding year and the  
5 Reference Base Index is ten percent (10%) or more, but:

6 (a) the portion of the percentage change in the Index in  
7 excess of a multiple of ten percent (10%) shall be  
8 disregarded and the dollar amounts shall change only  
9 in multiples of ten percent (10%) of the amounts  
10 appearing in the Uniform Consumer Credit Code; and

11 (b) the dollar amounts shall not change if the amounts  
12 required by this section are those currently in effect  
13 pursuant to the Uniform Consumer Credit Code as a  
14 result of earlier application of this section.

15 (4) The designated dollar amounts referenced in subsection (2)  
16 of this section shall change on July 1 of each year if the  
17 percentage of change, calculated to the nearest whole percentage  
18 point, between the Index at the end of the preceding year and the  
19 Reference Base Index is one percent (1%) or more, but:

20 (a) the portion of the percentage change ~~in the Index in~~  
21 ~~excess of three percent (3%) shall be disregarded and~~  
22 shall change only in multiples of one percent (1%), ~~to~~  
23 ~~a maximum of three percent (3%); and~~

1 (b) the dollar amounts shall not change if the amounts  
2 required by this section are those currently in effect  
3 pursuant to the Uniform Consumer Credit Code as a  
4 result of earlier application of this section.

5 (5) If the Index is revised, the percentage of change pursuant  
6 to this section shall be calculated on the basis of the revised  
7 Index. If a revision of the Index changes the Reference Base Index,  
8 a revised Reference Base Index shall be determined by multiplying  
9 the Reference Base Index then applicable by the rebasing factor  
10 furnished by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the  
11 Index is superseded, the Index referred to in this section shall be  
12 the one represented by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics  
13 as reflecting most accurately changes in the purchasing power of the  
14 dollar for consumers.

15 (6) The rules of the Administrator shall provide for  
16 appropriate notice to licensees and other interested  
17 persons of any changes in the dollar amounts which  
18 result from changes required by ~~subsection (2)~~ of this  
19 section no later than April 30 of each year. Each  
20 dollar amount subject to change as provided in this  
21 section shall be listed in an appendix to the rules of  
22 the Administrator and shall be published in the  
23 Oklahoma Administrative Code. Changes to the appendix  
24 shall be submitted to the Secretary of State prior to

1 the annual deadline for submitting material for  
2 publication in the Code. Changes in the appendix  
3 shall not be construed as rulemaking.

4 ~~(a) include the method for calculating the changes in~~  
5 ~~dollar amounts required by subsection (2) of this~~  
6 ~~section;~~

7 ~~(b) be amended in accordance with the Administrative~~  
8 ~~Procedures Act to include changes in the Index~~  
9 ~~required by subsection (3) of this section including,~~  
10 ~~if applicable, the numerical equivalent of the~~  
11 ~~Reference Base Index under a revised Reference Base~~  
12 ~~Index and the designation or title of any index~~  
13 ~~superseding the Index; and~~

14 ~~(c)~~

15 ~~(b)~~

16 (7) A person does not violate the Uniform Consumer Credit  
17 Code with respect to a transaction otherwise complying  
18 with the Uniform Consumer Credit Code if he or she  
19 relies on dollar amounts either determined according  
20 to ~~subsection (2) of this section~~ or appearing in the  
21 last rule of the Administrator announcing the then  
22 current dollar amounts.

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 14A O.S. 2021, Section 1-301, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1-301.

2 In addition to definitions appearing in subsequent articles, in  
3 this title:

4 (1) "Actuarial Method" means the method, defined by rules  
5 adopted by the Administrator, of allocating payments made on a debt  
6 between principal or amount financed and loan finance charge or  
7 credit service charge pursuant to which a payment is applied first  
8 to the accumulated loan finance charge or credit service charge and  
9 the balance is applied to the unpaid principal or unpaid amount  
10 financed.

11 (2) "Administrator" means the Administrator designated in the  
12 article (Article 6) on administration under Section 6-103 of this  
13 title.

14 (3) "Agreement" means the bargain of the parties in fact as  
15 found in their language or by implication from other circumstances  
16 including course of dealing or usage of trade or course of  
17 performance.

18 (4) "Agricultural purpose" means a purpose related to the  
19 production, harvest, exhibition, marketing, transportation,  
20 processing, or manufacture of agricultural products by a natural  
21 person who cultivates, plants, propagates, or nurtures the  
22 agricultural products. "Agricultural products" includes  
23 agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, and dairy products,  
24 livestock, wildlife, poultry, bees, forest products, fish and

1 shellfish, and any products thereof, including processed and  
2 manufactured products, and any and all products raised or produced  
3 on farms and any processed or manufactured products thereof.

4 (5) "Closing costs" with respect to a debt secured by an  
5 interest in land includes:

- 6 (a) fees or premiums for title examination, title  
7 insurance or similar purposes including surveys;
- 8 (b) fees for preparation of a deed, settlement statement  
9 or other documents;
- 10 (c) escrows for future payments of taxes and insurance;
- 11 (d) fees for notarizing deeds and other documents;
- 12 (e) appraisal fees; and
- 13 (f) credit reports.

14 (6) "Conspicuous": A term or clause is "conspicuous" when it  
15 is so written that a reasonable person against whom it is to operate  
16 ought to have noticed it. Whether a term or clause is conspicuous  
17 or not is for decision by the court.

18 (7) "Credit" means the right granted by a creditor to a debtor  
19 to defer payment of debt or to incur debt and defer its payment.

20 (8) "Earnings" means compensation paid or payable to an  
21 individual or for the individual's account for personal services  
22 rendered or to be rendered by the individual, whether denominated as  
23 wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise, and includes

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1 periodic payments pursuant to a pension, retirement, or disability  
2 program.

3 (9) "Lender credit card or similar arrangement" means an  
4 arrangement or loan agreement, other than a seller credit card,  
5 pursuant to which a lender gives a debtor the privilege of using a  
6 credit card, letter of credit, or other credit confirmation or  
7 identification in transactions out of which debt arises:

8 (a) by a lender's honoring a draft or similar order for  
9 the payment of money drawn or accepted by the debtor;

10 (b) by the lender's payment or agreement to pay the  
11 debtor's obligations; or

12 (c) by the lender's purchase from the obligee of the  
13 debtor's obligations.

14 (10) (a) "Subsection 10 mortgage" means a consumer credit  
15 transaction that is secured by the consumer's  
16 principal dwelling, other than a residential mortgage  
17 transaction, a reverse mortgage transaction, or a  
18 transaction under an open-end credit plan, if:

19 (i) the annual percentage rate at consummation of the  
20 transaction will exceed by more than eight (8)  
21 percentage points for first-lien loans, or by  
22 more than ten (10) percentage points for  
23 subordinate-lien loans, the yield on treasury  
24 securities having comparable periods of maturity



1 on the fifteenth day of the month immediately  
2 preceding the month in which the application for  
3 the extension of credit is received by the  
4 creditor; or

5 (ii) the total points and fees payable by the consumer  
6 at or before closing will exceed the greater of:

7 (aa) eight percent (8%) of the total loan amount;

8 or

9 (bb) Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).

10 (b) After the two-year period beginning on the effective  
11 date of the regulations promulgated under Section 155  
12 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory  
13 Improvement Act of 1994, and no more frequently than  
14 biennially after the first increase or decrease under  
15 this subsection, the Administrator may by rule  
16 increase or decrease the number of percentage points  
17 specified in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of this  
18 subsection, if the Administrator determines that the  
19 increase or decrease is consistent with the consumer  
20 protections against abusive lending provided by the  
21 amendments made by subtitle B of Title I of the Riegle  
22 Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act  
23 of 1994 and is warranted by the need for credit.

1           Such an increase or decrease may not result in the  
2           number of percentage points referred to in this  
3           subsection being less than eight (8) percentage points  
4           or greater than twelve (12) percentage points.

5           In determining whether to increase or decrease the  
6           number of percentage points, the Administrator shall  
7           consult with representatives of consumers, including  
8           low-income consumers, and lenders.

9           (c) The amount specified in division (bb) of subparagraph  
10           (ii) of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be  
11           adjusted annually on January 1 by the annual  
12           percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, as  
13           reported on June 1 of the year preceding such  
14           adjustment.

15           (d) For purposes of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of  
16           this subsection, points and fees shall include:

17           (i) all items included in the finance charge, except  
18           interest or the time-price differential;

19           (ii) all compensation paid to mortgage brokers;

20           (iii) each of the charges listed in 15 U.S.C., Section  
21           1605(e), except an escrow for future payment of  
22           taxes, unless:

23           (aa) the charge is reasonable;

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1 (bb) the creditor receives no direct or indirect  
2 compensation; and

3 (cc) the charge is paid to a third party  
4 unaffiliated with the creditor;

5 (iv) premiums or other charges for credit life,  
6 accident, health, or loss-of-income insurance, or  
7 debt-cancellation coverage, whether or not the  
8 debt-cancellation coverage is insurance under  
9 applicable law, that provides for cancellation of  
10 all or part of the consumer's liability in the  
11 event of the loss of life, health, or income or  
12 in the case of accident, written in connection  
13 with the credit transaction; and

14 (v) such other charges as the Administrator  
15 determines to be appropriate.

16 (e) The provisions of this subsection shall not be  
17 construed to limit the rate of interest or the finance  
18 charge that a person may charge a consumer for any  
19 extension of credit.

20 (11) "Official fees" means:

21 (a) fees and charges prescribed by law which actually are  
22 or will be paid to public officials for determining  
23 the existence of or for perfecting, releasing, or  
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1 satisfying a security interest related to a consumer  
2 credit sale, consumer lease, or consumer loan; or

3 (b) premiums payable for insurance in lieu of perfecting a  
4 security interest otherwise required by the creditor  
5 in connection with the sale, lease, or loan if the  
6 premium does not exceed the fees and charges described  
7 in paragraph (a) which would otherwise be payable.

8 (12) "Organization" means a corporation, government or  
9 governmental subdivision or agency, trust, estate, partnership,  
10 cooperative or association.

11 (13) "Payable in installments" means that payment is required  
12 or permitted by agreement to be made in:

13 (a) two or more periodic payments, excluding a down  
14 payment, with respect to a debt arising from a  
15 consumer credit sale pursuant to which a credit  
16 service charge is made;

17 (b) four or more periodic payments, excluding a down  
18 payment, with respect to a debt arising from a  
19 consumer credit sale pursuant to which no credit  
20 service charge is made; or

21 (c) two or more periodic payments with respect to a debt  
22 arising from a consumer loan.

23 If any periodic payment other than the down payment under an  
24 agreement requiring or permitting two or more periodic payments is

1 more than twice the amount of any other periodic payment, excluding  
2 the down payment, the consumer credit sale, consumer lease, or  
3 consumer loan is "payable in installments."

4 (14) "Person" includes a natural person or an individual, and  
5 an organization, joint venture or any legal entity however  
6 organized.

7 (15) (a) "Person related to" with respect to an individual  
8 means:

9 (i) the spouse of the individual;

10 (ii) a brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-  
11 in-law of the individual;

12 (iii) an ancestor or lineal descendant of the  
13 individual or the individual's spouse; and

14 (iv) any other relative, by blood or marriage, of  
15 the individual or the individual's spouse  
16 who shares the same home with the  
17 individual.

18 (b) "Person related to" with respect to an organization  
19 means:

20 (1) a person directly or indirectly controlling,  
21 controlled by or under common control with  
22 the organization;

23 (2) an officer or director of the organization  
24 or a person performing similar functions

1 with respect to the organization or to a  
2 person related to the organization;

3 (3) the spouse of a person related to the  
4 organization; and

5 (4) a relative by blood or marriage of a person  
6 related to the organization who shares the  
7 same home with such person.

8 (16) "Presumed" or "presumption" means that the trier of fact  
9 must find the existence of the fact presumed unless and until  
10 evidence is introduced which would support a finding of its  
11 nonexistence.

12 (17) "Residential mortgage transaction" means a transaction in  
13 which a mortgage, deed of trust, purchase money security interest  
14 arising under an installment sales contract, or equivalent  
15 consensual security interest is created or retained against the  
16 consumer's dwelling to finance the acquisition or initial  
17 construction of such dwelling.

18 (18) "Reverse mortgage transaction" means a nonrecourse  
19 transaction in which a mortgage, deed of trust, or equivalent  
20 consensual security interest is created against the consumer's  
21 principal dwelling:

22 (a) securing one or more advances; and

23 (b) with respect to which the payment of any principal,  
24 interest, and shared appreciation or equity is due and

1 payable (other than in the case of default) only  
2 after:

3 (i) the transfer of the dwelling;

4 (ii) the consumer ceases to occupy the dwelling as a  
5 principal dwelling; or

6 (iii) the death of the consumer.

7 (19) "Seller credit card" means an arrangement pursuant to  
8 which a person gives to a buyer or lessee the privilege of using a  
9 credit card, letter of credit or other credit confirmation or  
10 identification primarily for the purpose of purchasing or leasing  
11 goods or services from that person, or:

12 (a) from a person related to that person;

13 (b) from others licensed or franchised to do business  
14 under the person's business or trade name or  
15 designation; or

16 (c) from any other persons with the consent of that  
17 person.

18 (20) "Supervised financial organization" means a person, other  
19 than an insurance company or other organization primarily engaged in  
20 an insurance business:

21 (a) organized, chartered, or holding an authorization  
22 certificate under the laws of ~~this~~ a state or of the  
23 United States which authorizes the person to make  
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1 loans and to receive deposits, including a savings,  
2 share, certificate or deposit account; and

3 (b) subject to supervision by an official or agency of  
4 this state or the United States other than the  
5 Oklahoma Securities Commission.

6 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 14A O.S. 2021, Section 6-501, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 6-501. There is hereby created:

9 (a) the Department of Consumer Credit,

10 (b) the Commission on Consumer Credit. The Commission  
11 shall be the policy-making and governing authority of  
12 the Department and shall appoint the Administrator and  
13 be responsible for the enforcement of the Uniform  
14 Consumer Credit Code, and

15 (c) the Office of Administrator of Consumer Credit, ~~and~~

16 ~~(d) the Consumer Credit Advisory Committee.~~

17 ~~(i) The Consumer Credit Advisory Committee shall be~~  
18 ~~appointed by the Commission on Consumer Credit~~  
19 ~~and shall consist of the following members: two~~  
20 ~~licensed supervised lenders, one of whom shall be~~  
21 ~~recommended for appointment by the Oklahoma~~  
22 ~~Consumer Finance Association and one of whom~~  
23 ~~shall be recommended for appointment by the~~  
24 ~~Independent Finance Institute; one licensed~~



~~pawnbroker recommended for appointment by the  
Oklahoma Pawnbrokers Association; one licensed  
mortgage broker and mortgage loan originator  
recommended for appointment by the Oklahoma  
Association of Mortgage Professionals; one  
licensed rental dealer recommended for  
appointment by the Oklahoma Rental Dealers  
Association; one licensed precious metal and gem  
dealer; one licensed health spa; one licensed  
credit services organization; one entity or  
individual that has filed notification pursuant  
to Section 6-202 of this title; one entity  
licensed as a deferred deposit lender recommended  
for appointment by the Community Financial  
Services Association of America; and the  
Administrator of Consumer Credit. The  
Administrator of Consumer Credit shall serve as  
the Chair of the Advisory Committee. If a  
licensee is an entity, the Commission may appoint  
an employee of the licensed entity to serve on  
the Consumer Credit Advisory Committee. The  
Commission shall have authority to prescribe  
rules to govern appointments to the Consumer  
Credit Advisory Committee.~~

1           ~~(ii) The appointments shall be a public record of the~~  
2           ~~Department of Consumer Credit. The term of~~  
3           ~~office for each appointed member shall begin~~  
4           ~~January 1, 2011, and shall continue for a period~~  
5           ~~of four (4) years expiring on January 1. For~~  
6           ~~initial appointments, the Commission shall~~  
7           ~~appoint two members to serve for a term of one~~  
8           ~~(1) year, two members to serve for a term of two~~  
9           ~~(2) years, three members to serve for a term of~~  
10           ~~three (3) years, and three members to serve for a~~  
11           ~~term of four (4) years from their respective~~  
12           ~~dates of appointment and qualification. Each~~  
13           ~~appointed member shall be eligible for~~  
14           ~~reappointment.~~

15           ~~(iii) The Consumer Credit Advisory Committee may advise~~  
16           ~~the Commission of Consumer Credit regarding~~  
17           ~~matters pertaining to the Department of Consumer~~  
18           ~~Credit and provide recommendations. The Consumer~~  
19           ~~Credit Advisory Committee shall also have the~~  
20           ~~authority to adopt rules for conducting its~~  
21           ~~proceedings.~~

22           ~~(iv) The Consumer Credit Advisory Committee shall meet~~  
23           ~~on an annual basis and at such other times as~~  
24           ~~necessary.~~

1                   ~~(v) Meetings of the Consumer Credit Advisory~~  
2                                 ~~Committee shall be held in accordance with the~~  
3                                 ~~Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.~~

4                   ~~(vi) Members of the Consumer Credit Advisory Committee~~  
5                                 ~~may be reimbursed for travel costs in accordance~~  
6                                 ~~with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.~~

7       SECTION 4.   This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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