## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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#### HB3257

Introduced 2/24/2011, by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 122/2-51 new 815 ILCS 122/4-5 815 ILCS 122/2-50 rep.

Amends the Payday Loan Reform Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of any provision of Section 670 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, Public Law 109-364, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto shall be deemed to be a violation of the Payday Loan Reform Act. Strikes language regarding limiting collection efforts of payday loan lenders against consumers who are members of the military.

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AN ACT concerning business.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Payday Loan Reform Act is amended by 5 changing Section 4-5 and by adding Section 2-51 as follows:

- 6 (815 ILCS 122/2-51 new) 7 Sec. 2-51. Violation of Federal law constitutes a violation of this Act with respect to practices concerning members of the 8 9 military and their dependents. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a violation of any provision of Section 670 10 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for 11 Fiscal Year 2007, Public Law 109-364, or any regulation adopted 12 pursuant thereto shall be deemed to be a violation of this Act. 13
- 14 (815 ILCS 122/4-5)

15 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 96-936)

Sec. 4-5. Prohibited acts. A licensee or unlicensed person or entity making payday loans may not commit, or have committed on behalf of the licensee or unlicensed person or entity, any of the following acts:

(1) Threatening to use or using the criminal process in
this or any other state to collect on the loan.

22 (2) Using any device or agreement that would have the

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effect of charging or collecting more fees or charges than allowed by this Act, including, but not limited to, entering into a different type of transaction with the consumer.

(3) Engaging in unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent practices in the making or collecting of a payday loan.

7 (4) Using or attempting to use the check provided by
8 the consumer in a payday loan as collateral for a
9 transaction not related to a payday loan.

10 (5) Knowingly accepting payment in whole or in part of
11 a payday loan through the proceeds of another payday loan
12 provided by any licensee, except as provided in subsection
13 (c) of Section 2.5.

14 (6) Knowingly accepting any security, other than that
15 specified in the definition of payday loan in Section 1-10,
16 for a payday loan.

17 (7) Charging any fees or charges other than those18 specifically authorized by this Act.

19 (8) Threatening to take any action against a consumer 20 that is prohibited by this Act or making any misleading or 21 deceptive statements regarding the payday loan or any 22 consequences thereof.

(9) Making a misrepresentation of a material fact by an
applicant for licensure in obtaining or attempting to
obtain a license.

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(10) Including any of the following provisions in loan

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1 documents required by subsection (b) of Section 2-20:

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(A) a confession of judgment clause;

3 (B) a waiver of the right to a jury trial, if 4 applicable, in any action brought by or against a 5 consumer, unless the waiver is included in an 6 arbitration clause allowed under subparagraph (C) of 7 this paragraph (11);

8 (C) a mandatory arbitration clause that is 9 oppressive, unfair, unconscionable, or substantially 10 in derogation of the rights of consumers; or

(D) a provision in which the consumer agrees not to assert any claim or defense arising out of the contract.

14 (11) Selling any insurance of any kind whether or not
15 sold in connection with the making or collecting of a
16 payday loan.

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(12) Taking any power of attorney.

(13) Taking any security interest in real estate.

19 (14) Collecting a delinquency or collection charge on 20 any installment regardless of the period in which it 21 remains in default.

(15) Collecting treble damages on an amount owing froma payday loan.

(16) Refusing, or intentionally delaying or
inhibiting, the consumer's right to enter into a repayment
plan pursuant to this Act.

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1 (17)Charging for, or attempting to collect, 2 attorney's fees, court costs, or arbitration costs incurred in connection with the collection of a payday 3 4 loan. 5 (18) (Blank). Making a loan in violation of this Act. 6 (19) (Blank). Garnishing the wages or salaries <del>of a</del> 7 consumer who is a member of the military. 8 (20) (Blank). Failing to suspend or defer collection 9 activity against a consumer who is a member of the military 10 and who has been deployed to a combat or combat support 11 posting. 12 (Blank). (21) Contacting the military chain of command consumer who is a member of the military 13 an effort. 14 to collect on a payday loan. 15 (22) Making or offering to make any loan other than a 16 payday loan or a title-secured loan, provided however, that 17 to make or offer to make a title-secured loan, a licensee must obtain a license under the Consumer Installment Loan 18 19 Act. (Source: P.A. 96-936, eff. 3-21-11.) 20 21 (815 ILCS 122/2-50 rep.) 22 Section 10. The Payday Loan Reform Act is amended by repealing Section 2-50. 23