1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, Public Act 91-698, effective May 6, 2000,
- 3 amended the Sales Finance Agency Act (205 ILCS 660) and the
- 4 Consumer Installment Loan Act (205 ILCS 670) to authorize the
- 5 Department of Financial Institutions to adopt rules necessary
- for the protection of consumers in Illinois; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Department of Financial Institutions
- 8 proposed rules titled "Consumer Installment Loan Act" (38 Ill
- 9 Adm Code 110) on August 11, 2000 at 24 Ill. Reg. 11717
- 10 regulating loans with annual interest rates exceeding 36% for
- 11 periods of less than 60 days, if secured by an automobile
- 12 title, or for periods of less than 30 days, if not secured by
- 13 a title; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Among other provisions, the Department's rules
- 15 limit lenders of these short-term loans to simple interest,
- 16 require lenders to provide applicants and debtors with
- information about debt management services, require release
- 18 of any liens within 24 hours after a short-term loan is
- 19 repaid, and require lenders to verify that a borrower has not
- 20 received another short-term loan within the previous 15 days;
- 21 and
- 22 WHEREAS, The Department of Financial Institutions
- 23 submitted its proposed rules on October 17, 2000 to the Joint
- 24 Committee on Administrative Rules, which reviewed the rules
- and issued a Statement of Objection; and
- 26 WHEREAS, The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
- found that the proposed rules constitute a serious threat to
- 28 public interest, safety, or welfare, and the filing
- 29 prohibition gives the agency an opportunity to revisit those
- 30 provisions and consider less onerous alternatives; and
- 31 WHEREAS, Citing public comment, the Joint Committee on

- 1 Administrative Rules noted that the proposed rules present an
- 2 unreasonable economic burden to small lenders, which in turn
- 3 may diminish the availability of financial resources for
- 4 consumers with limited options; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Based on this determination, the Joint Committee
- on Administrative Rules prohibited the above-cited rulemaking
- 7 at its meeting on November 29, 2000; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Because Section 5-115 of the Illinois
- 9 Administrative Procedure Act states that a Prohibition of an
- 10 agency's proposed rule is effective for a period of at least
- 11 180 days, the Prohibition issued by JCAR commenced November
- 30, 2000 and will terminate on May 28, 2001, unless continued
- 13 by adoption of this Joint Resolution by both houses of the
- 14 General Assembly as provided by Section 5-125(c) of the
- 15 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly may permanently prohibit
- 17 filing of these rules by joint resolution before the
- 18 conclusion of that 180-day period, as further provided in
- 19 Section 5-115 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act;
- 20 therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
- 22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
- 23 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Prohibition by
- 24 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules of the rules
- 25 proposed by the Department of Financial Institutions under
- 26 Public Act 91-698 and initially published in the Illinois
- 27 Register on August 11, 2000 be continued; and be it further
- 28 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to
- 29 the Executive Director of the Joint Committee on
- 30 Administrative Rules and the Director of Financial
- 31 Institutions.