BY: Finance Committee

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 673 (First Reading File Bill)

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike "a conforming change" and substitute "<u>conforming changes</u>"; and in line 12, after "12-905(a)" insert "<u>12-907(a)</u>".

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 31, insert:

## "<u>12-907.</u>

- (a) <u>To qualify for a license, an applicant shall satisfy the Commissioner that:</u>
  - (1) <u>The applicant [is an organization;</u>

(2) Each] AND EACH of the owners, officers, directors, and principals of the applicant has sufficient experience, character, financial responsibility, and general fitness to:

(i) Engage in the business of providing debt management services;

(ii) Warrant the belief that the debt management services business will be conducted lawfully, honestly, fairly, and efficiently; and

(iii) Command the confidence of the public;

[(3)] (2) Each agent acting on behalf of the applicant to manage a trust account required under § 12-917 of this subtitle has sufficient experience, character, financial responsibility, and general fitness to:

(i) Engage in the business of managing a trust account;

(ii) Warrant the belief that the management of the trust account will be conducted lawfully, honestly, fairly, and efficiently; and

(iii) Command the confidence of the public; and

[(4)] (3) The applicant has a net worth computed according to generally accepted accounting principles of at least \$50,000, plus an additional net worth of \$10,000 for each location at which debt management services will be provided to consumers, up to a maximum of \$500,000 as provided in subsection (b) of this section.".