HB0128/823694/2

BY: Economic Matters Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 128</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike ", consumer services,"; in line 6, after "realty" insert "<u>and the definition of "merchant" to include a person who directly or indirectly</u> <u>purchases or offers to purchase any consumer goods or consumer realty and whose</u> <u>business includes paying off consumer debt in connection with the purchase of</u> <u>consumer goods or consumer realty</u>"; in line 7, after "a" insert "<u>certain</u>"; in lines 7 and 8, strike ", consumer services,"; and in line 17, after "13-101(c)" insert "<u>and (g)</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 10, strike ", CONSUMER SERVICES,"; after line 12, insert:

"(g) (1) "Merchant" means a person who directly or indirectly either offers or makes available to consumers any consumer goods, consumer services, consumer realty, or consumer credit.

(2) <u>"MERCHANT" INCLUDES A PERSON:</u>

(I) WHO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PURCHASES OR OFFERS TO PURCHASE ANY CONSUMER GOODS OR CONSUMER REALTY FROM A CONSUMER; AND

(II) WHOSE BUSINESS INCLUDES PAYING OFF CONSUMER DEBT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ANY CONSUMER GOODS OR CONSUMER REALTY FROM A CONSUMER.";

in line 22, strike "BY A MERCHANT"; in line 23, strike "GOODS," and substitute "<u>GOODS OR</u>"; in the same line, strike ", OR CONSUMER SERVICES"; and in line 24,

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after "CONSUMER" insert "<u>BY A MERCHANT WHOSE BUSINESS INCLUDES PAYING</u> <u>OFF CONSUMER DEBT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ANY CONSUMER</u> <u>GOODS OR CONSUMER REALTY FROM A CONSUMER</u>".

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