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Introduced 2/22/2007, by Rep. Rosemary Mulligan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 505/2S

from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 262S

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning reporting adverse information to a consumer reporting agency or providing information to a collection agency.

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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:

Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
Practices Act is amended by changing Section 2S as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 505/2S) (from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 262S)

7 Sec. 2S. No person may report adverse information to a 8 consumer reporting agency, provide information to a collection 9 agency or take any collection action regarding a cosigner of an obligation unless prior thereto, such person has notified the 10 the cosigner by first class mail that the primary obligor has 11 become delinquent or defaulted on the loan, that the cosigner 12 13 is responsible for the payment of the obligation and that the 14 cosigner must, within 15 days from the date such notice was sent, either pay the amount due under the obligation or make 15 16 arrangements for payment of the obligation. In the event that 17 the cosigner pays or makes arrangements to pay the obligation, adverse information shall be reported regarding the 18 no 19 cosigner.

Any person violating this Section commits an unlawful practice within the meaning of this Act and, in addition, is liable in a civil action for actual damages of up to \$250 plus reasonable attorney's fees. HB1537

1 (Source: P.A. 85-1209)