96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/10/2010, by Rep. Angelo Saviano

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

810 ILCS 5/3-806

from Ch. 26, par. 3-806

Amends the Uniform Commercial Code. Provides that any person who issues a converted check, electronic funds transfer, or order for the payment of money (in addition to any person who issues a check or other draft) that is not honored upon presentment because the drawer does not have an account with the drawee, or because the drawer does not have sufficient funds in his account, or because the drawer does not have sufficient credit with the drawee, shall be liable in the amount of \$25, or for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by any person in connection with the collection of the amount for which the converted check, electronic funds transfer, or order for the payment of money was written, whichever is greater, and shall be liable for interest upon that amount. Provides that a person who undertakes a nonlitigated collection against the person who issued a converted check, electronic funds transfer, or order for the payment of money that is not honored upon presentment shall make a written demand by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the last known address of that person in order to become eligible for any costs and expenses in excess of \$25. Authorizes assessment of a fee or charge not to exceed \$4.50 to any person or owner of a commercial checking account or other similar commercial account where a converted check, electronic funds transfer, or order for the payment of money that is deposited into the account is dishonored upon presentment because of insufficient funds or because the drawer does not have an account with the drawee.

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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 Uniform Commercial Code is amended by 5 changing Section 3-806 as follows:

6 (810 ILCS 5/3-806) (from Ch. 26, par. 3-806)

7 Sec. 3-806. Any person who issues a check, converted check, electronic funds transfer, order for the payment of money, or 8 9 other draft that is not honored upon presentment because the 10 drawer does not have an account with the drawee, or because the drawer does not have sufficient funds in his account, or 11 because the drawer does not have sufficient credit with the 12 drawee, shall be liable in the amount of \$25, or for all costs 13 14 and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by any person in connection with the collection of the amount 15 16 for which the check, converted check, electronic funds 17 transfer, order for the payment of money, or other draft was written, whichever is greater, and shall be liable for interest 18 19 upon the amount of the check, converted check, electronic funds 20 transfer, order for the payment of money, or other draft at the 21 rate provided in subsection (1) of Section 4 of the Interest 22 Act. Costs and expenses shall include reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the nonlitigated collection of the check, 23

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1 <u>converted check, electronic funds transfer, order for the</u> 2 payment of money, or other draft.

3 A person who undertakes a nonlitigated collection against the person who issued a check, converted check, electronic 4 5 funds transfer, order for the payment of money, or other draft that is not honored upon presentment shall make a written 6 demand by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered 7 to the last known address of that person in order to become 8 9 eligible for any costs and expenses in excess of \$25. The 10 written demand shall demand payment within 30 days of the 11 mailing of the demand and shall include notice of liability for 12 the costs and expenses.

13 A fee or charge not to exceed \$4.50 may be assessed to any 14 person or owner of a commercial checking account or other 15 similar commercial account where a check, converted check, 16 electronic funds transfer, order for the payment of money, or 17 other draft that is deposited into the account is dishonored upon presentment because of insufficient funds or because the 18 19 drawer does not have an account with the drawee; provided, 20 however, that, the limitation on the fee or charge specified in 21 this paragraph does not apply to any fee or charge assessed to 22 any bank or other depository institution or to anv 23 non-commercial account other checking or similar 24 non-commercial account.

25 (Source: P.A. 87-582; 87-624.)

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