

(9) The principal balance owed, which is the sum of items (5), (6), (7), and (8) PLUS, IF THE AMOUNT STATED IN ~~ITEM (III)~~ ITEM (4)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS A NEGATIVE NUMBER, ADD THAT AMOUNT AS A POSITIVE NUMBER;

(10) The finance charge stated as a sum in dollars; and

(11) The time balance owed by the buyer to the seller, which is the sum of items (9) and (10), the number of installment payments required to pay it, and the amount and time of each payment.

(D) A SELLER MAY NOT BE DEEMED TO BE MAKING LOANS FOR PURPOSES OF § 11-301(B)(6)(I) OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARTICLE MERELY BY ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(4)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

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(C) (1) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PROHIBIT A CREDIT GRANTOR, IN CONNECTION WITH A SALE, FROM INCLUDING IN THE LOAN AMOUNT THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PAID OR TO BE PAID BY THE CREDIT GRANTOR PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BORROWER, ON BEHALF OF THE BORROWER TO DISCHARGE ANY AMOUNT FINANCED UNDER AN OUTSTANDING LOAN AGREEMENT OR INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT OR THE UNPAID PORTION OF THE EARLY TERMINATION OBLIGATION UNDER ANY LEASE OR OTHER OBLIGATION OF THE LESSEE, WITH RESPECT TO A MOTOR VEHICLE OR OTHER PROPERTY TRADED IN.

(2) A CREDIT GRANTOR WHO IS A SELLER OF GOODS OR SERVICES MAY NOT BE DEEMED TO BE MAKING LOANS FOR PURPOSES OF § 11-301(B)(6)(I) OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARTICLE MERELY BY ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

## CHAPTER 557

(Senate Bill 370)

AN ACT concerning

### Insurance - Premium Financing - Discrimination - ~~Independent Agents~~

FOR the purpose of prohibiting discrimination by ~~discrimination by an independent agent from negotiating or placing a premium finance agreement with a premium finance company in which the independent agent has a direct or indirect ownership interest; altering the applicability of a certain prohibition on~~ insurers that market through independent agents relating to discrimination against independent agents, brokers, and insureds who use premium financing instead of paying premiums in a different manner ~~instead of paying premiums in a different manner under certain circumstances~~; requiring certain independent