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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to consumer finance; amending 3 s. 516.03, F.S.; increasing an application fee; 4 amending ss. 516.05 and 520.997, F.S.; 5 requiring licensees to notify the department before relocating a business; requiring a 6 7 licensee to report bankruptcy filings to the 8 department; amending ss. 516.07 and 520.995, F.S.; providing additional grounds for certain 9 disciplinary actions; amending ss. 516.11 and 10 11 520.996, F.S.; deleting a schedule of 12 examination fees; requiring the department to 13 conduct examinations within the state; 14 providing exceptions; providing criteria for 15 paying travel expenses and per diem allowances to examiners; amending s. 516.12, F.S.; 16 requiring licensees to make certain information 17 available under certain circumstances; amending 18 ss. 520.02, 520.31, and 520.61, F.S.; providing 19 20 additional definitions; amending ss. 520.03, 520.32, 520.52, and 520.63, F.S.; revising 21 22 certain fees; clarifying procedures for obtaining certain licenses and imposing certain 23 24 license application and renewal fees; requiring 25 department notification before relocating 26 certain offices; amending s. 520.07, F.S.; 27 requiring disclosure of additional information 28 under certain installment contracts; requiring evidence of satisfaction of lien under certain 29 installment contracts; amending s. 520.085, 30 31 F.S.; authorizing certain additional charges

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1 under certain installment contracts; providing 2 for deferment of certain installment payments 3 under certain conditions; amending s. 520.34, F.S.; authorizing sellers under retail 4 5 installment contracts to collect a processing fee under certain circumstances; amending ss. б 7 559.9232, 681.102, and 697.05, F.S.; correcting 8 cross references; providing effective dates. 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 516.03, Florida 13 Statutes, is amended to read: 14 516.03 Application for license; fees; etc.--15 (1) APPLICATION.--Application for a license to make 16 loans under this chapter shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the department, and shall contain 17 the name, residence and business addresses of the applicant 18 and, if the applicant is a copartnership or association, of 19 20 every member thereof and, if a corporation, of each officer and director thereof, also the county and municipality with 21 22 the street and number or approximate location where the business is to be conducted, and such further relevant 23 information as the department may require. At the time of 24 making such application the applicant shall pay to the 25 26 department a biennial license fee of\$625\$550. Applications, 27 except for applications to renew or reactivate a license, must 28 also be accompanied by an investigation fee of \$200. 29 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 516.05, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (9) is added to said 30 31 section, to read:

516.05 License.--1 2 (4) Prior to relocating his or her place of business, 3 a licensee must provide to the department written notice of 4 the relocation.A licensee may not change the place of 5 business maintained under a license without prior approval of the department. When a licensee wishes to change a place of 6 7 business, the licensee shall give written notice thereof to 8 the department, and, if the department finds that the proposed 9 location is reasonably accessible to borrowers under existing loan contracts, it shall permit the change and shall amend the 10 11 license accordingly. If the department does not so find, it 12 shall enter an order denying removal of the business to the 13 requested location. 14 (9) A licensee which is the subject of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy filing must report such filing to the 15 16 department within 7 business days after the filing date. Section 3. Paragraphs (h) and (i) of subsection (1) of 17 section 516.07, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraphs 18 19 (j), (k), (l), (m), and (n) are added to said subsection, to 20 read: 516.07 Grounds for denial of license or for 21 22 disciplinary action .--23 (1) The following acts are violations of this chapter 24 and constitute grounds for denial of an application for a 25 license to make consumer finance loans and grounds for any of 26 the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2): 27 (h) Failure to maintain, preserve, and keep available 28 for examination, all books, accounts, or other documents 29 required by this chapter, by any rule or order adopted under this chapter, or by any agreement entered into with the 30 31 department; or

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(i) Refusal to permit inspection of books and records 1 2 in an investigation or examination by the department or 3 refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the department; 4 (j) Pleading nolo contendere to, or having been convicted or found guilty of, a crime involving fraud, 5 6 dishonest dealing, or any act of moral turpitude, regardless 7 of whether adjudication is withheld; 8 (k) Paying money or anything else of value, directly 9 or indirectly, to any person as compensation, inducement, or reward for referring loan applicants to a licensee; 10 11 (1) Allowing any person other than the licensee to use 12 the licensee's business name, address, or telephone number in 13 an advertisement; 14 (m) Accepting, or advertising that the licensee 15 accepts, money on deposit or as consideration for the issuance 16 or delivery of certificates of deposit, savings certificates, 17 or similar instruments except to the extent permitted under chapter 517; or 18 19 (n) Failure to pay any fee, charge, or fine imposed or 20 assessed pursuant to this chapter or any rule adopted under 21 this chapter. Section 4. Effective January 1, 2001, subsections (1) 22 23 and (2) of section 516.11, Florida Statutes, are amended to 24 read: 25 516.11 Investigations and complaints.--26 (1) The department shall, at intermittent periods, 27 make such investigations and examinations of any licensee or 28 other person as it deems necessary to determine compliance 29 with this chapter. For such purposes, the department may examine the books, accounts, records, and other documents or 30 31 matters of any licensee or other person and compel the 4

production of all relevant books, records, and other documents 1 2 and materials relative to an examination or investigation. 3 Examinations of a licensee may not be made more often than once a year unless the department has reason to believe the 4 5 licensee is not complying with this chapter. Each licensee shall pay to the department an examination fee based upon the 6 7 amount of outstanding loans due the licensee at the time of the examination, as follows: 8 9 10 Amount Outstanding Examination Fee 11 From \$0 to \$50,000.....\$100 From \$50,000.01 to \$100,000.....125 12 13 From \$100,000.01 to \$250,000.....150 14 From \$250,000.01 to \$500,000......200 15 16 17 (2) The department shall conduct all examinations at a convenient location in this state unless the department 18 19 determines that it is more effective or cost-efficient to 20 perform an examination at the licensee's out-of-state location. For an examination performed at the licensee's 21 22 out-of-state location, the licensee shall also pay the travel expense and per diem subsistence at the rate provided by law 23 for up to 30 8-hour days per year for each examiner who 24 participates in such examination. However, if the examination 25 26 involves or reveals possible fraudulent conduct of the 27 licensee, the licensee shall pay the travel expenses and per 28 diem subsistence provided by law, without limitation, for each 29 participating examiner allowance provided for state employees in s. 112.061. The licensee shall not be required to pay a per 30 diem fee and expenses of an examination which shall consume 31 5

more than 30 worker-days in any one year unless such 1 2 examination or investigation is due to fraudulent practices of 3 the licensee, in which case such licensee shall be required to pay the entire cost regardless of time consumed. 4 5 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 516.12, Florida б Statutes, is amended to read: 7 516.12 Records to be kept by licensee .--8 (2) A licensee, operating two or more licensed places 9 of business in this state, may maintain the books, accounts, and records of all such offices at any one of such offices, or 10 11 at any other office maintained by such licensee, upon the filing of a written request with the department designating 12 13 therein the office at which such records are maintained. 14 However, the licensee shall make all books, accounts, and records available at a convenient location in this state upon 15 request of the department. 16 Section 6. Subsections (1) through (9) of section 17 520.02, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) 18 through (10), respectively, present subsections (10) through 19 20 (15) are renumbered as subsections (12) through (17), respectively, and new subsections (1) and (11) are added to 21 22 said section to read: 520.02 Definitions.--In this act, unless the context 23 or subject matter otherwise requires: 24 25 (1) "Branch" means any location, other than a 26 licensee's principal place of business, at which a licensee 27 operates or conducts business under this act or which a 28 licensee owns or controls for the purpose of conducting 29 business under this act. (11) "Principal place of business" means the physical 30 location designated on the licensee's application for 31

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1 licensure unless otherwise designated as required by this 2 chapter. 3 Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 4 520.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 5 520.03 Licenses.-б (2) An application for a license under this part must 7 be submitted to the department on such forms as the department 8 may prescribe by rule. If the department determines that an application should be granted, it shall issue the license for 9 a period not to exceed 2 years. A nonrefundable application 10 fee of \$175 not exceeding \$200 shall be set by rule and 11 accompany an initial application for the principal place of 12 13 business and each application for a branch location of a retail installment seller who is required to be licensed under 14 15 this chapter. 16 (3) The A renewal fee for a motor vehicle retail installment seller license shall be \$175 not exceeding \$200 17 shall be set by rule. The department shall establish by rule 18 19 biennial licensure periods and procedures for renewal of 20 licenses may also be established by the department by rule. Α license that is not renewed by at the end of the biennium 21 22 established by the department shall automatically expire and revert from active to inactive status. An Such inactive 23 24 license may be reactivated within 6 months after becoming 25 inactive the expiration date upon filing submission of a 26 completed reactivation form, payment of the renewal 27 application fee, and payment of a reactivation fee equal to 28 the renewal application fee. A license that is not 29 reactivated within 6 months after becoming inactive automatically expires may not be reactivated. 30 31

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(4) Each license shall must specify the location for 1 2 which it is issued and must be conspicuously displayed at that 3 location. Prior to relocating a principal place of business or any branch location, the licensee must provide to the 4 5 department written notice of the relocation. If a licensee's б principal place of business or branch location changes, the 7 licensee shall notify the department and the department shall 8 endorse the change of location without charge. A licensee may not transact business as a motor vehicle retail installment 9 seller except under the name by which it is licensed. Licenses 10 11 issued under this part are not transferable or assignable. 12 Section 8. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of 13 section 520.07, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (f) 14 is added to said subsection, and subsection (8) of said section is amended, to read: 15 16 520.07 Requirements and prohibitions as to retail 17 installment contracts.--(3) The seller shall provide a separate written 18 19 itemization of the amount financed, which itemization shall 20 disclose the following: (d) The amounts, if any, included for insurance and 21 22 other benefits, specifying the types of coverages and benefits; and 23 24 (e) Any taxes and official fees not included in the 25 cash price; and 26 (f) The number of scheduled payments, the amount of 27 each payment, and the date of the first payment. 28 29 The itemization required by this subsection may appear on a disclosure statement separate from all other material, or it 30 31 may be placed on the same document with the contract or other 8

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information so long as it is clearly and conspicuously 1 2 segregated from everything else on the document. 3 (8)(a) Upon written request from the buyer, the holder 4 of a retail installment contract shall give or forward to the 5 buyer a written statement of the dates and amounts of payments and the total amount unpaid under such contract. A buyer 6 7 shall be given a written receipt for any payment when made in 8 cash. 9 (b) When a motor vehicle retail installment contract is paid in full, the holder shall ensure that the contract or 10 11 title reflects that the lien has been satisfied or released 12 and shall ensure that evidence of satisfaction is provided to 13 the borrower or payor. 14 Section 9. Section 520.085, Florida Statutes, is 15 amended to read: 16 520.085 Simple-interest contracts.--17 (1) A retail installment contract under The Motor Vehicle Retail Sales Finance Act may provide that the rate of 18 19 finance charge be calculated on a simple-interest basis 20 subject to the following provisions: 21 (a)(1) Instead of a finance charge computed on the amount financed as determined under s. 520.07(2), the seller 22 may compute the finance charge at a simple-interest rate 23 equivalent to the finance charge permitted by s. 520.08 on the 24 unpaid balance as it changes from time to time or by any other 25 26 method. For the purposes of this section, the class of motor 27 vehicle shall be determined at the time of execution of the 28 retail installment contract. 29 (b)(2) The language in s. 520.08(2) which provides 30 that the finance charge may be computed on the basis of a full 31

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month for any fractional-month period in excess of 10 days 1 2 shall not be applicable to a simple-interest contract. 3 (c) (c) (3) The provisions of s. 520.09 which prescribe a 4 refund credit upon prepayment in full before maturity of the 5 unpaid balance of a retail installment contract shall not be applicable to a simple-interest contract. However, the lender 6 7 may impose an acquisition charge, not to exceed \$75, for services performed on behalf of the borrower for processing of 8 9 the retail installment contract if the contract is paid in full within 6 months after the effective date of the contract. 10 11 (d) (d) (4) In the event the unpaid balance of a retail 12 installment contract is extended, deferred, renewed, or 13 restated, the holder may compute the refinance charge in 14 accordance with the provisions of this section. 15 (e) (5) Notwithstanding any provisions of The Motor 16 Vehicle Retail Sales Finance Act or any other law to the contrary, the finance charge percentage rate included in a 17 18 retail installment sale contract representing the sale of a 19 motor vehicle primarily for business or commercial use may 20 vary, but no higher than the limits set forth in s. 520.08, 21 during the term of the contract pursuant to a formula or index 22 set forth therein (such as a prime rate or commercial paper rate quoted by one or more banking institutions or the highest 23 prime rate reported effective on the date in question by The 24 Wall Street Journal) that is made readily available to and 25 26 verifiable by the buyer and is beyond the control of the 27 holder of the contract. For the purpose of disclosing the 28 amount of finance charge and time balance and setting forth a 29 payment schedule of equal successive monthly installments, such amounts may be calculated using the finance charge 30 31 percentage rate applicable to the transaction as of the date

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1 of execution of the contract, notwithstanding the fact that 2 such finance charge percentage may increase or decrease over 3 the term of the contract according to a formula or index set 4 forth in the contract.

5 (2) The holder of a simple interest contract, upon the 6 request of the buyer, may defer the scheduled due date of all 7 or any part of any installment payment and may collect a \$15 fee for such deferment. The holder may also require the buyer 8 9 to extend any insurance coverage required by the simple 10 interest contract or require the buyer to reimburse the holder 11 for any costs incurred by the holder for extending such 12 coverage. With the buyer's approval, the holder may extend 13 any optional insurance coverage purchased in connection with 14 the simple interest contract and may charge the buyer for the costs of extending such optional insurance. A holder may not 15 16 collect the \$15 deferment fee unless this deferment option was 17 provided for in the simple interest contract. The holder shall disclose in the simple interest contract, and any offer 18 19 to exercise the deferment option, that in addition to the \$15 20 deferment fee and the costs of extending required or optional insurance, the buyer will also be required to pay additional 21 22 finance charges as a result of exercising the deferment 23 option. 24 Section 10. Subsections (1) through (8) of section 520.31, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) 25 26 through (9), respectively, present subsections (9) through 27 (15) of said section are renumbered as subsections (11) 28 through (17), respectively, and new subsections (1) and (10) 29 are added to said section to read: 520.31 Definitions.--Unless otherwise clearly 30 31 indicated by the context, the following words when used in 11

this act, for the purposes of this act, shall have the 1 2 meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section: 3 (1)"Branch" means any location, other than a 4 licensee's principal place of business, at which a licensee 5 operates or conducts business under this act or which a б licensee owns or controls for the purpose of conducting 7 business under this act. 8 (10) "Principal place of business" means the physical 9 location designated on the licensee's application for licensure unless otherwise designated as required by this 10 chapter. 11 12 Section 11. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 520.32, 13 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 14 520.32 Licenses.--15 (2) An application for a license under this part must 16 be submitted to the department on such forms as the department may prescribe by rule. If the department determines that an 17 application should be granted, it shall issue the license for 18 19 a period not to exceed 2 years. A nonrefundable application 20 fee of \$175 not exceeding \$200 shall be set by rule and 21 accompany an initial application for the principal place of 22 business and each application for a branch location of a retail installment seller. 23 24 (3) The A renewal fee for a retail seller license 25 shall be \$175 not exceeding \$200 shall be set by rule. 26 Biennial licensure periods and procedures for renewal of 27 licenses may also be established by the department by rule. A 28 license that is not renewed at the end of the biennium established by the department shall automatically expire and 29 revert from active to inactive status. An Such inactive 30 31 license may be reactivated within 6 months after becoming 12

inactive the expiration date upon filing submission of a 1 2 completed reactivation form, payment of the renewal 3 application fee, and payment of a reactivation fee equal to the renewal application fee. A license that is not 4 5 reactivated within 6 months after becoming inactive б automatically expires may not be reactivated. 7 Section 12. Subsection (14) is added to section 8 520.34, Florida Statutes, to read: 520.34 Retail installment contracts.--9 10 (14) The seller under a retail installment contract may collect a \$10 processing fee for each retail installment 11 12 contract that is approved and activated. 13 Section 13. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 520.52, 14 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 15 520.52 Licensees.--16 (2) An application for a license under this part must be submitted to the department on such forms as the department 17 may prescribe by rule. If the department determines that an 18 19 application should be granted, it shall issue the license for 20 a period not to exceed 2 years. A nonrefundable application fee of \$175 not exceeding \$200 shall be set by rule and 21 22 accompany an initial application for the principal place of business and each branch location of a sales finance company. 23 24 (3) The A renewal fee for a sales finance company 25 license shall be \$175 not exceeding \$200 shall be set by rule. 26 Biennial licensure periods and procedures for renewal of 27 licenses may also be established by the department by rule. A 28 license that is not renewed at the end of the biennium established by the department shall automatically expire and 29 revert from active to inactive status. An Such inactive 30 31 license may be reactivated within 6 months after becoming 13

inactive the expiration date upon filing submission of a 1 2 completed reactivation form, payment of the renewal 3 application fee, and payment of a reactivation fee equal to the renewal application fee. A license that is not 4 5 reactivated within 6 months after becoming inactive б automatically expires may not be reactivated. 7 Section 14. Subsections (2) through (17) of section 8 520.61, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (18), respectively, present subsections (18) and (19) 9 of said section are renumbered as subsections (20) and (21), 10 11 respectively, and new subsections (2) and (19) are added to said section to read: 12 13 520.61 Definitions.--As used in this act: 14 (2) "Branch" means any location, other than a licensee's principal place of business, at which a licensee 15 16 operates or conducts business under this act or which a 17 licensee owns or controls for the purpose of conducting business under this act. 18 19 "Principal place of business" means the physical (19) 20 location designated on the licensee's application for licensure unless otherwise designated as required by this 21 22 chapter. Section 15. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 520.63, 23 24 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 520.63 Licensees.--25 26 (2) An application for a license under this part must 27 be submitted to the department on such forms as the department 28 may prescribe by rule. If the department determines that an application should be granted, it shall issue the license for 29 a period not to exceed 2 years. A nonrefundable application 30 31 fee of \$175 not exceeding \$200 shall be set by rule and 14

accompany an initial application for the principal place of
business and each <u>application for a</u> branch location of a home
improvement finance seller.

4 The A renewal fee for a home improvement finance (3) 5 license shall be \$175 not exceeding \$200 shall be set by rule. Biennial licensure periods and procedures for renewal of 6 7 licenses may also be established by the department by rule. Α 8 license that is not renewed at the end of the biennium 9 established by the department shall automatically expire and An Such inactive 10 revert from active to inactive status. 11 license may be reactivated within 6 months after becoming 12 inactive the expiration date upon filing submission of a 13 completed reactivation form, payment of the renewal 14 application fee, and payment of a reactivation fee equal to the renewal application fee. A license that is not 15 reactivated within 6 months after becoming inactive 16 17 automatically expires may not be reactivated. 18 Section 16. Paragraphs (g) and (h) of subsection (1) of section 520.995, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph 19 (i) is added to said subsection, and paragraph (c) of 20 subsection (3) of said section is amended, to read: 21 22 520.995 Grounds for disciplinary action.--(1) The following acts are violations of this chapter 23 and constitute grounds for the disciplinary actions specified 24 25 in subsection (2): 26 (g) Refusal to permit inspection of books and records 27 in an investigation or examination by the department or 28 refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the department; or

(h) Criminal conduct in the course of a person's business as a seller, as a home improvement finance seller, or as a sales finance company; or

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1 (i) Failure to timely pay any fee, charge, or fine 2 imposed or assessed pursuant to this chapter or any rule 3 adopted under this chapter. 4 (3) In addition to the acts specified in subsection 5 (1), the following shall be grounds for denial of a license pursuant to this chapter, or for revocation, suspension, or 6 7 restriction of a license previously granted: 8 (c) Pleading nolo contendere to, or having been 9 convicted or found guilty of, a crime involving fraud, dishonest dealing, or any act of moral turpitude, regardless 10 of whether adjudication is withheld; or 11 12 Section 17. Effective January 1, 2001, subsection (1) 13 of section 520.996, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 14 520.996 Investigations and complaints.--15 (1)(a) The department or its agent may, at 16 intermittent periods, make such investigations and examinations of any licensee or other person as it deems 17 necessary to determine compliance with this chapter. For such 18 19 purposes, it may examine the books, accounts, records, and 20 other documents or matters of any licensee or other person. It shall have the power to compel the production of all relevant 21 22 books, records, and other documents and materials relative to an examination or investigation. Such investigations and 23 24 examinations shall not be made more often than once during any 25 12-month period unless the department has good and sufficient 26 reason to believe the licensee is not complying with the 27 provisions of this chapter. The expenses of the department 28 incurred in each such examination may be established by 29 department rule but shall not exceed \$250 per 8-hour day for each examiner. Such examination fee shall be calculated on an 30 31 hourly basis and shall be rounded to the nearest hour.

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(b) The department shall conduct all examinations at a 1 2 convenient location in this state unless the department determines that it is more effective or cost-efficient to 3 4 perform an examination at the licensee's out-of-state location. For an examination performed at the licensee's 5 6 out-of-state location, the licensee shall also pay the travel 7 expense and per diem subsistence at the rate provided by law 8 for up to 30 8-hour days per year for each examiner who participates in such examination. However, if the examination 9 involves or reveals possible fraudulent conduct of the 10 licensee, the licensee shall pay the travel expenses and per 11 diem subsistence provided by law, without limitation, for each 12 13 participating examiner allowance provided for state employees 14 in s. 112.061. The licensee shall not be required to pay a per diem fee and expenses of an examination which shall consume 15 more than 30 worker-days in any one year unless such 16 examination or investigation is due to fraudulent practices of 17 the licensee, in which case such licensee shall be required to 18 pay the entire cost regardless of time consumed. 19 20 Section 18. Subsection (5) is added to section 520.997, Florida Statutes, to read: 21 520.997 Books, accounts, and records.--22 23 (5) A licensee that is the subject of a voluntary or 24 involuntary bankruptcy filing must provide notice of such filing to the department within 7 days after the filing date. 25 Section 19. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 26 27 559.9232, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 28 559.9232 Definitions; exclusion of rental-purchase 29 agreements from certain regulations .--30 31

1 (2) A rental-purchase agreement that complies with 2 this act shall not be construed to be, nor be governed by, any 3 of the following: 4 (e) A lease or agreement which constitutes a "retail 5 installment contract" or "retail installment transaction" as б those terms are defined in s. 520.31(12)(10) and (13)(11); or 7 Section 20. Subsection (19) of section 681.102, 8 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read: 9 681.102 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the 10 term: 11 (19) "Purchase price" means the cash price as defined 12 in s. 520.31(2)(1), inclusive of any allowance for a trade-in 13 vehicle, but excludes debt from any other transaction. "Any 14 allowance for a trade-in vehicle" means the net trade-in allowance as reflected in the purchase contract or lease 15 16 agreement if acceptable to the consumer and manufacturer. Ιf such amount is not acceptable to the consumer and 17 manufacturer, then the trade-in allowance shall be an amount 18 19 equal to 100 percent of the retail price of the trade-in 20 vehicle as reflected in the NADA Official Used Car Guide (Southeastern Edition) or NADA Recreation Vehicle Appraisal 21 22 Guide, whichever is applicable, in effect at the time of the trade-in. The manufacturer shall be responsible for providing 23 the applicable NADA book. 24 Section 21. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4) 25 26 of section 697.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 27 697.05 Balloon mortgages; scope of law; definition; 28 requirements as to contents; penalties for violations; 29 exemptions. --30 (4) This section does not apply to the following: 31

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(b) Any first mortgage, excluding a mortgage in favor of a home improvement contractor defined in s. 520.61(12) (11) the execution of which is required solely by the terms of a home improvement contract which is governed by the provisions of ss. 520.60-520.992; (c) Any mortgage created for a term of 5 years or more, excluding a mortgage in favor of a home improvement contractor defined in s. $520.61(12)\frac{(11)}{(11)}$ the execution of which is required solely by the terms of a home improvement contract which is governed by the provisions of ss. 520.60-520.992; Section 22. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect October 1, 1999. HOUSE SUMMARY Revises provisions relating to consumer loan finance, motor vehicle sales finance, retail installment sales and finance, and home improvement sales and finance to revise and clarify license fee requirements, revise license examination procedures, clarify notification requirements for relocations and bankruptcies, provide additional grounds for disciplinary actions, clarify installment contract requirements, and authorize processing fees or extension charges under installment contracts. See bill for details. for details.