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NOTICE OF RATE CEILINGS

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following rate ceilings by use of the formulas and methods described in Sections 303.003 and 303.009, TEX. FIN. CODE.

<u>Types of Rate Ceilings</u>	<u>Effective Period (Dates are Inclusive)</u>	<u>Consumer ⁽¹⁾/Agricultural/ Commercial⁽²⁾ thru \$250,000</u>	<u>Commercial ⁽²⁾ over \$250,000</u>
Weekly Rate - Sec. 303.003 and 303.009, TEX. FIN. CODE	05/16/05-05/22/05	18.00%	18.00%

⁽¹⁾Credit for personal, family, or household use. ⁽²⁾Credit for business, commercial, investment, or other similar purpose.

Issued in Austin, Texas this the 9th day of May 2005.

NOTICE OF RATE BRACKET ADJUSTMENT

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following brackets and ceilings by use of the formula and method described in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 341.203.⁽¹⁾

The amounts of brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 342.201(a) are changed to \$1,620.00 and \$13,500.00, respectively.

The amounts of brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 342.201(e) are changed to \$2,700.00, \$5,670.00, and \$13,500.00, respectively.

The ceiling amount in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 342.251 is changed to \$540.00.

The amounts of the brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 345.055 are changed to \$2,700.00 and \$5,400.00, respectively.

The amounts of the bracket in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 345.103 is changed to \$2,700.00.

The ceiling amount of TEX. FIN. CODE ' 371.158 is changed to \$13,500.00.

The amounts of the brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 371.159 are changed to \$162.00, \$1,080.00, and \$1,620.00, respectively.

The above dollar amounts of the brackets and ceilings shall govern all applicable credit transactions and loans made on or after July 1, 2005, and extending through June 30, 2006.

⁽¹⁾Computation method: The Reference Base Index (the Index for December 1967) = 101.6. The December 2004 Index = 554.2. The percentage of change is 545.47%. This equates to an increase of 540% after disregarding the percentage of change in excess of multiples of 10%.

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Report on Legislation

Status: 05/09/05 H=House S=Senate

HB 160-McCall-Relating to motor vehicles equipped with recording devices-05/11/05 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016 S Transportation & Homeland Security

HB 637-Goolsby-Relating to authorizing an extension of credit secured by a residence homestead in which a minor has an ownership interest-05/04/05 H Recommended for Local & Consent Calendar

HB 698-McCall-Relating to the disposal of certain business records that contain personal identifying information-05/10/05 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., Betty King Room S Business & Commerce

HB 846-Flynn-Relating to deferred presentment transactions-05/09/05 H Postponed on second reading until 6:00 P.M. 05/10/05

HB 955-Solomons—Relating to interest rates, usury, consumer protections, commercial and consumer lending, licensing of mortgage brokers, savings bank charters, and the regulation of lenders-05/09/05 H Set for H Calendar

HB 1088-Thompson-Relating to an automobile club membership offered in connection with a loan-SAME AS SB 1008-05/05/05 S Voted favorably from committee S Business & Commerce

HB 1130 Cook, Byron-Relating to the adoption of a privacy policy by a person who required the disclosure of an individual's social security number-SAME AS SB 754-05/06/05 S Reported from committee as substituted S Business & Commerce

HB 1235-Paxton-Relating to the notice required for a sale of real property under a contract lien-SAME AS SB 1155-05/04/05 S Received but not referred

HB 1321-Giddings-Relating to the prevention and punishment of identity theft and the rights of certain victims of identity theft-05/04/05 H Reported favorably from committee as amended H Criminal Jurisprudence

HB 1490-Flynn-Relating to the regulation of credit reporting bureaus-05/09/05 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. or Adj., E2.012 H Financial Institutions

HB 1547-Pickett-Relating to the form of the loan contract and related documents for a consumer loan-05/09/05 H Set for H Calendar

HB 1682-McCall-Relating to a breach in the security of a computerized data system that included another person's identifying information-05/09/05 H Passed

HB 1823-Dutton-Relating to the rights of a purchaser under an executory contracts for conveyance of real property-SAME AS SB 629-05/10/05 H Set for H Calendar

HB 1829-Wong-Relating to authorizing private or independent institutions of higher education to charge fees for processing or handling certain payment transactions-05/10/05 H Set for H Calendar

HB 1854-Giddings-Relating to requiring debt collectors to provide a copy of a dishonored check to certain consumers-SAME AS SB 1219-05/10/05 H Set for H Calendar

HB 2013-Giddings-Relating to the extension of credit to a victim of identity theft-SAME AS SB 99-05/05/05 H Laid on the table-subject to call-see SB 99

HB 2220-Paxton-Relating to the sale of ad valorem tax liens and contracts for foreclosure of ad valorem tax liens-05/04/05 H Reported from committee as substituted H Financial Institutions

HB 2438-Haggerty-Relating to the acquisition and regulation of manufactured homes-SAME AS SB 1285-05/10/05 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., Betty King Room S Business & Commerce

HB 2761-Taylor; Fraser-Relating to the amount of homeowners insurance required in connection with certain financing arrangements-05/05/05 S Passed on Local Calendar

HB 2987-Nixon-Relating to funding advanced in connection with a lawsuit that is at a rate above the usurious interest-05/09/05 S Placed on S Intent Calendar

SB 99-Ellis, Rodney; Giddings-Relating to the extension of credit to a victim of identity theft-SAME AS HB 2013 & HB 3212-05/05/05 H Passed

SB 335-Carona; Hartnett-Relating to the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act-SAME AS HB 1187-05/04/05 H Reported favorably from committee H Business & Industry

SB 629-Lucio-Relating to the rights of a purchaser under an executory contract for conveyance of real property-SAME AS HB 1823-05/10/05 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. or Adj., E2.026 H Business & Industry

SB 674-West, Royce-Relating to limiting the use of customer's social security numbers by persons-05/03/05 H Referred to committee H Business & Industry

SB 757-Armbrister-Relating to property in the custody of a pawnbroker-SAME AS SB 635-05/05/05 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

SB 817-West, Royce-Relating to financial transaction awareness plans to be adopted by public institutions of higher education-SAME AS HB 2583-05/03/05 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted S subcommittee on Higher Education

SB 1056-Lucio-Relating to the forced sale of an owner's interest in certain real property-05/05/05 H Referred to committee H Business & Industry

SB 1112-Eltife-Relating to debt management services-05/09/05 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. H Financial Institutions

SB 1143-Carona-Relating to a loan secured by personal property with limited recourse against the borrowers-SAME AS HB 1193-05/09/05 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. H Financial Institutions

SB 1267-Deuell-Relating to stolen property from a pawn shop-05/03/05 S Not heard in committee S Criminal Justice

SB 1450-Averitt-Relating to judgment interest-05/05/05 S Passed

SB 1479-Shapleigh-Relating to deferred presentment transactions of certain military personnel or their spouses-05/09/05 Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. H Financial Institutions

SB 1563-Estes; McCall-Relating to uniform law on negotiable instruments and bank deposits and collections-SAME AS HB 2232-05/09/05 H Passed on Local Calendar

SB 1587-Carona-Relating to certain foreclosure notice requirements-05/03/05 H Referred to committee H Local Government Ways & Means

SB 1768-Harris-Relating to the attachment of a judgment lien to homestead property-05/10/05 S Set on for Local Calendar

SJR 21-Averitt; Flynn-Relating to authorizing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans-SAME AS HJR 43-05/09/05 H Passed

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