



# TEXAS CREDIT LETTER

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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 Article 1D.003 and 1D. 009, Title 79, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended (Article 5069-1D.003 and 1D.009, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

| <u>Types of Rate Ceilings</u> | <u>Effective Period<br/>(Dates are Inclusive)</u> | <u>Consumer <sup>(1)</sup>/Agricultural/<br/>Commercial <sup>(2)</sup> thru \$250,000</u> | <u>Commercial<sup>(2)</sup><br/>over \$250,000</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Weekly Rate - Art. 1D.003     | 03/15/99-03/21/99                                 | 18.00%  | 18.00%   |

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

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## 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.<sup>(1)</sup>

The amounts of brackets in TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 5069-3A.301(a) (Vernon's 1997) are changed to \$1,410.00 and \$11,750.00, respectively.

The ceiling amount in TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 5069-3A.401 (Vernon's 1997) is changed to \$470.00.

The amounts of the brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE §345.055 are changed to \$2,350.00 and \$4,700.00, respectively.

The amounts of the bracket in TEX. FIN. CODE §345.103 is changed to \$2,350.00.

The ceiling amount of TEX. FIN. CODE §371.158 is changed to \$11,750.00.

The amounts of the brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE §371.159 are changed to \$141.00, \$470.00, and \$1,410.00, respectively.

The above dollar amounts of the brackets and ceilings shall govern all applicable credit transactions and loans made on or after July 1, 1999, and extending through June 30, 2000.

<sup>(1)</sup>Computation method: The Reference Base Index (the Index for December 1967) = 101.6. The December 1998 Index = 478.6. The percentage of change is 471.06%. This equates to an increase of 470% after disregarding the percentage of change in excess of multiples of 10%.

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## Report on Legislation

Status: 03/08/99 S = Senate H = House

*HB 25–Goolsby–Relating to the creation of fraudulent use of identifying information and to the recovery of damages resulting from conduct described by that offense. H-Civil Practices Committee hearing set for 03/10/99*

*HB 366–Smith, Todd–Relating to letters of credit. Reported favorably from H-Financial Institutions Committee 03/05/99*

*HB 744–Eiland–Relating to revolving credit accounts. H-Financial Institutions Committee hearing set for 03/08/99*

*HB 1086–Solomons–Relating to liens on manufactured homes. H-Business Committee action pending 03/02/99*

*HB 1306–George–Relating to filing of financing statements and certain other filings with the secretary of state. Voted favorably from H-Business Committee 03/02/99*

*HB 1307–George–Relating to the fee for the electronic filing of a financing statement with the secretary of state. Voted favorably from H-Business Committee 03/02/99*

*HB 1397–Pitts–Relating to the validity of an unrecorded instrument conveying an interest in real property. H-Business Committee hearing set for 03/09/99*

*HB 1522–Siebert–Relating to prompt payment requirements for work performed by contractors and subcontractors on certain real property. H-Business Committee hearing set for 03/09/99*

*HB 1878–Averitt–Relating to the regulation of pawnbrokers and pawnshop employees. Referred to H-Financial Institutions Committee 03/02/99*

*HB 1898–McCall–Relating to credit property insurance. Referred to H-Insurance Committee 03/02/99*

*HB 2054–Solomons–Relating to mechanic’s, contractors, and materialmen’s liens. H-Business Committee hearing set for 03/09/99*

*HB 2058–Uher–SAME AS SB 776. Relating to interest on judgments in certain civil actions. Referred to H-Civil Practices Committee 03/04/99*

*HB 2176–Siebert–Relating to the discharge of a lien against a motor vehicle. Referred to H-Transportation Committee 03/08/99*

*HB 2180–Averitt–Relating to usury and the regulation of lenders. Referred to H-Financial Institutions Committee 03/08/99*

*HB 2305–Maxey–Relating to fees for use of an automated teller machine. Filed 03/04/99*

*SB 85–Carona–SAME AS HB 366. Relating to letters of credit. Referred to H-Financial Institutions Committee 03/02/99*

*SB 172–Harris–Relating to the definition of a qualified commercial loan. S-Economic Development Committee hearing set 03/09/99*

*SB 478–Carona–SAME AS HB 1306. Relating to filing of financing statements and certain other filings. S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar 03/01/99*

*SB 479–Carona–SAME AS HB 1307. Relating to the fee for the electronic filing of a financing statement with the secretary of state. S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar 03/01/99*

*SB 517–Shapiro–Relating to automobile clubs. S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar 03/04/99*

*SB 520–Cain–Relating to discharge of a lien on a motor vehicle. S-Economic Development Committee hearing set 03/09/99*

*SB 570–Shapiro–Relating to certain business documents filed and recorded with the secretary of state. S-State Committee action pending 03/04/99*

*SB 598–Duncan–Relating to actions regarding certain computer failures. S-Economic Development Committee hearing set 03/11/99*

*SB 776–Bivins–Relating to interest on judgments in certain civil actions. Referred to S-Economic Development Committee 03/03/99*

*SJR 1–Ratliff–SAME AS HJR 1. Proposing a complete revision of the Texas Constitution. S-State Committee hearing set for 03/09/99*

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