

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 177

By: Senator D. Johnson
By: Representatives Williams, Vines

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 4,
CONCERNING BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW, OF THE
ARKANSAS CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 4,
CONCERNING BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW,
OF THE ARKANSAS CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 4-47-107 is amended to read as follows:

4-47-107. Supplemental principles of law – Rate of interest.

~~(a) Unless displaced by particular provisions of this chapter, the principles of law and equity supplement this chapter.~~

~~(b) If an obligation to pay interest arises under this chapter and the rate is not specified, the rate is that specified in Arkansas Constitution Article 19, § 13, as amended by Amendment 60.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 4-57-102 is amended to incorporate technical corrections into the usury law to reflect the current usury law to read as follows:

4-57-102. Reservation or discounting of interest permitted.

It shall be is lawful for all parties loaning a party to loan money in this state ~~to reserve or discount~~ by reserving or discounting interest upon ~~any~~ commercial paper, mortgages, or other securities for any period



authorized by ~~any~~ a rule or regulation of the Federal Housing Administration or its successor or for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months, whichever is greater, at any rate of interest agreed upon by the parties, ~~the rate of interest~~ not to exceed the applicable rate of interest, if any, prescribed by Arkansas Constitution, ~~Article 19, § 13~~ Amendment 89, whether the papers or securities for principal or interest are payable in this state, or in any other state, territory, kingdom, or country.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 4-57-104 is amended to incorporate technical corrections into the usury law to reflect the current usury law to read as follows:

4-57-104. Maximum rate of interest permitted.

The parties to ~~any~~ a contract, ~~whether the contract is under seal or not,~~ may agree in writing ~~for~~ to the payment of interest not exceeding the applicable rate of interest, if any, set forth in the Arkansas Constitution, ~~Article 19, § 13~~ by Amendment 89, on money due or to become *due*.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 4-57-108 is repealed.

~~4-57-108. Usurious consumer loans or credit sales—Award of attorney's fees.~~

~~(a) Any person who prevails in circuit court in litigation alleging a consumer loan or credit sale to be willfully usurious under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 60, shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.~~

~~(b) This section shall be applicable to all actions pending on June 28, 1985, or instituted thereafter.~~

~~(c) For purposes of this section, the term "person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, financial institution, or other legal entity.~~

SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. The enactment and adoption of this act shall not repeal, expressly or impliedly, the acts passed at the regular session of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly. All such acts shall have the full force and effect and, so far as those acts intentionally vary from or conflict with any provision contained in this act, those acts shall have the effect of subsequent acts and as amending or repealing the appropriate parts of the Arkansas Code of 1987.

/s/D. Johnson

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