

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE BILL NO. 311

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1510, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 35, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1510), which relates to the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act; changing limits on certain finance rates; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1510, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 35, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1510), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1510. A. Except as provided in subsection F of Section 1511 of this title, no pawnbroker may contract for, charge or receive any amount as a charge in connection with a pawn transaction other than a pawn finance charge, and no pawn finance charge calculated according to the actuarial method shall exceed an amount equal to ~~twenty percent (20%)~~ nine percent (9%) of the amount financed which does not exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), financed for one (1) month; ~~fifteen percent (15%)~~ seven percent (7%) of that amount financed which is more than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) but does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), financed for one (1) month; ~~ten percent (10%)~~ five percent (5%) of that amount financed which is more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) but does not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), financed for one (1) month; ~~and five percent (5%)~~ three percent (3%) of that amount financed which is more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), but does not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),

financed for one (1) month; ~~three percent (3%)~~ and one percent (1%) of that amount financed which is more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) but does not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), financed for one (1) month. Provided, however, a minimum pawn finance charge not to exceed One Dollar (\$1.00) may be charged in lieu of the rates stated herein without regard to the amount financed. In no case shall the amount financed exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

B. Refinancing of Pawn Transaction. The maturity date of any pawn transaction may be changed to a subsequent date, one or more times, by agreement between the customer and the pawnbroker, evidenced by a writing as for a new transaction and all disclosures shall be made to the customer as in the case of a new pawn transaction in accordance with Section 1501 et seq. of this title, and in such case the pawnbroker may contract for and receive a pawn finance charge computed in accordance with this section as for a new transaction.

C. Limitation on Charges. Except as otherwise expressly provided for in this act, no pawnbroker may contract for or receive any amount as a charge in connection with a pawn transaction.

D. Additional Pawn Finance Charges. Pledged goods not redeemed by the customer on or before the date fixed as the maturity date for the transaction in the pawn agreement or disclosure statement delivered, shall be held by the pawnbroker for at least thirty (30) days following such date, and may be redeemed by the customer within such period by the payment of the originally agreed redemption price and the payment of an additional pawn finance charge equal to one-thirtieth (1/30) of the original monthly pawn finance charge for each day following the original maturity date including the day on which the pledged goods are finally redeemed.

E. Refunds. The pawn finance charges authorized in this section shall be deemed to be earned at the time the pawn

transaction is made and shall not be subject to refund, except as otherwise provided for in subsection E of Section 1509 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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