CHAPTER 286

CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

HOUSE BILL 23-1162

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING TRANSACTIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE "UNIFORM CONSUMER CREDIT CODE" TO ADOPT RULES REGULATING CREDITOR-IMPOSED CHARGES FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER CREDITTRANSACTIONS THAT ARE SECURED BY A CONSUMER'S POTENTIAL PROCEEDS FROM A SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT OBTAINED IN AN ASSOCIATED LEGAL CLAIM.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 5-2-204, **add** (6) as follows:

5-2-204. Deferral charges - rules. (6) The administrator may adopt rules regarding deferral charges for nonrecourse consumer credit transactions that have no periodic payments and are secured by an unvested, contingent future interest in the potential net proceeds of a settlement or judgment obtained from the consumer's associated legal claim.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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