HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT Committee on Finance.

- 1 <u>HB23-1162</u> be amended as follows:
- 2 Amend printed bill, page 8, after line 6 insert:
 - "5-9.6-103.5. Records annual reports proof of financial responsibility. (1) (a) EVERY CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING COMPANY REGISTERED IN THIS STATE SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS ACT, RULES ADOPTED UNDER THIS ACT, AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES AND IN A MANNER THAT WILL ENABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COMPANY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT.
 - (b) The record-keeping system of a company is sufficient if the company makes the required information reasonably available to the attorney general. The records do not need to be kept in the place of business where consumer legal funding transactions are conducted so long as the attorney general is given free access to records wherever they are located.
 - (c) THE RECORDS PERTAINING TO ANY CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING CONTRACT MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR FOUR YEARS AFTER THE RESOLUTION DATE.
 - (2) (a) On or before June 1 of each year, every consumer Legal funding company shall file with the attorney general an annual report in the form prescribed by the attorney general relating to all consumer legal funding transactions conducted by the company.
 - (b) The report must demonstrate satisfactory proof of the company's financial responsibility. The attorney general may determine, by rule, the type and amount of financial responsibility deemed to be satisfactory.
 - (c) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CONSULT WITH OFFICIALS IN OTHER STATES IN ORDER TO MAKE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL REPORTS UNIFORM AMONG THE STATES.
 - (3) (a) If a consumer legal funding company fails to file the annual report or proof of financial responsibility by July 1 of each year, the attorney general may impose a penalty of five dollars per day from July 2 to the date the filing is postmarked or e-mailed.
- (b) If a consumer legal funding company both fails to file the annual report and to pay the appropriate penalty by July 15, or at any other time fails to provide satisfactory proof of financial responsibility within thirty days after receiving notice from the attorney general, the company's registration will automatically expire."

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