



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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Changes the House-passed version's requirement that the Department of Administrative Services make bulk long distance telephone services available in specified alternative manners to members of the immediate family of persons deployed on active duty to permissive authority (R.C. 125.021(B)).

Expands the House-passed version's provisions pertaining to the interest and finance charges 6% annual percentage rate limitation on retail installment contracts entered into on or after the bill's effective date to a 6% per annum interest and finance charges limitation on obligations entered into on or after the bill's effective date. The Senate committee version defines "obligation" as any retail installment sales contract, other contract for the purchase of goods or services, or bond, bill, note, or other instrument of writing for the payment of money arising out of a contract or other transaction for the purchase of goods or services. (R.C. 1343.031, replacing the House-passed version's R.C. 1317.06(D) and 1317.061(B).)

Changes the House-passed version's motor vehicle lease termination provisions to conform with federal law by (R.C. 1349.02):

- Specifying that the termination of a motor vehicle lease will be effective when the motor vehicle is returned to the custody or control of the lessor *not later than 15 days* after the delivery of a specified *written notice* (instead of, as in the House-passed version, (1) "15 days after" the written notice of the intention of terminating the lease is given by certified mail and (2) the motor vehicle is returned to the lessor's custody or control--i.e., *whenever that return might occur*).
- Requiring that the lease amounts unpaid for the period preceding the effective date of the lease's termination be paid on a prorated basis, prohibiting the lessor from imposing an early termination charge, and requiring the payment of any taxes, costs of summons, and title or

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registration fees and any other obligation and liability of the lessee under the terms of the lease, including reasonable charges to the lessee for excess wear, use, and mileage, that are due and unpaid at the time of the lease's termination.

- Requiring the lessor to refund to the lessee lease amounts paid in advance for a period after the effective date of the lease's termination within 30 days of that effective date.
- Providing that, upon application by the lessor to a court before the effective date of the lease's termination, the court may modify the relief authorized for lessees under the bill as "justice and equity require."

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