

**537.2505 Finance charge on consolidation.**

1. In this section, “*consumer credit transaction*” does not include a consumer lease or a consumer rental purchase agreement.

2. If a consumer owes an unpaid balance to a creditor with respect to a consumer credit transaction and becomes obligated on another consumer credit transaction with the same creditor, the parties may agree to a consolidation resulting in a single schedule of payments. If the previous consumer credit transaction was not precomputed, the parties may agree to add the unpaid amount of the amount financed and accrued charges including finance charges on the date of consolidation to the amount financed with respect to the subsequent consumer credit transaction. If the previous consumer credit transaction was precomputed, the parties may agree to refinance the unpaid balance pursuant to section 537.2504, and to consolidate the amount financed resulting from the refinancing by adding it to the amount financed with respect to the subsequent consumer credit transaction. In either case the creditor may contract for and receive a finance charge as provided in subsection 3, based on the aggregate amount financed resulting from the consolidation.

3. If all debts consolidated arise exclusively from consumer loans, the creditor may contract for and receive the finance charge permitted by the provisions on finance charge for consumer loans pursuant to section 537.2401. If the debts consolidated include a debt arising from a consumer credit sale, including a transaction pursuant to a lender credit card, the amount of the finance charge is governed by the provisions on finance charge for consumer credit sales in section 537.2201.

4. If a consumer owes an unpaid balance to a creditor with respect to a consumer credit transaction arising out of a consumer credit sale, and becomes obligated on another consumer credit transaction arising out of another consumer credit sale by the same seller, the parties may agree to a consolidation resulting in a single schedule of payments either pursuant to subsection 2 or by adding together the unpaid balances with respect to the two sales.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §537.2505]

87 Acts, ch 80, §36