

**554.3601 Discharge and effect of discharge.**

1. The obligation of a party to pay the instrument is discharged as stated in [this Article](#) or by an act or agreement with the party which would discharge an obligation to pay money under a simple contract.

2. Discharge of the obligation of a party is not effective against a person acquiring rights of a holder in due course of the instrument without notice of the discharge.

[94 Acts, ch 1167, §73, 121, 122](#)