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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to general provisions of the uniform commercial  
2 code relating to the construction and application of its  
3 subject matter, and providing for a contingent effective date.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 DIVISION I  
1 2 REVISION TO ARTICLE 1  
1 3 ARTICLE 1  
1 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS  
1 5 PART 1  
1 6 ~~SHORT TITLE, CONSTRUCTION, APPLICATION,~~  
1 7 ~~AND SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CHAPTER~~  
1 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS  
1 9 Section 1. Section 554.1101, Code 2007, is amended to read  
1 10 as follows:  
1 11 554.1101 ~~SHORT TITLE~~ TITLES.  
1 12 1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the  
1 13 Uniform Commercial Code.  
1 14 2. This Article may be cited as Uniform Commercial Code ==  
1 15 General Provisions.  
1 16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 554.1102A SCOPE OF ARTICLE.  
1 17 This Article applies to a transaction to the extent that it  
1 18 is governed by another Article of this chapter.  
1 19 Sec. 3. Section 554.1103, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
1 20 follows:  
1 21 554.1103 ~~SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW~~  
1 22 ~~APPLICABLE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CHAPTER TO PROMOTE ITS~~  
1 23 ~~PURPOSES AND POLICIES == APPLICABILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL~~  
1 24 ~~PRINCIPLES OF LAW.~~  
1 25 1. This chapter must be liberally construed and applied to  
1 26 promote its underlying purposes and policies, which are:  
1 27 a. to simplify, clarify, and modernize the law governing  
1 28 commercial transactions;  
1 29 b. to permit the continued expansion of commercial  
1 30 practices through custom, usage, and agreement of the parties;  
1 31 and  
1 32 c. to make uniform the law among the various  
1 33 jurisdictions.  
1 34 2. Unless displaced by the particular provisions of this  
1 35 chapter, the principles of law and equity, including the law  
2 1 merchant and the law relative to capacity to contract,  
2 2 principal and agent, estoppel, fraud, misrepresentation,  
2 3 duress, coercion, mistake, bankruptcy, ~~or~~ and other validating  
2 4 or invalidating cause shall supplement its provisions.  
2 5 Sec. 4. Section 554.1104, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
2 6 follows:  
2 7 554.1104 ~~CONSTRUCTION AGAINST IMPLICIT IMPLIED REPEAL.~~  
2 8 This chapter being a general ~~act~~ Act intended as a unified  
2 9 coverage of its subject matter, no part of it shall be deemed  
2 10 to be impliedly repealed by subsequent legislation if such  
2 11 construction can reasonably be avoided.  
2 12 Sec. 5. Section 554.1105, Code 2007, is amended by  
2 13 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the  
2 14 following:  
2 15 554.1105 TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY == PARTIES' POWER TO  
2 16 CHOOSE APPLICABLE LAW.  
2 17 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, when a

2 18 transaction bears a reasonable relation to this state and also  
2 19 to another state or nation the parties may agree that the law  
2 20 either of this state or of such other state or nation shall  
2 21 govern their rights and duties.

2 22 2. In the absence of an agreement effective under  
2 23 subsection 1, and except as provided in subsection 3, this  
2 24 chapter applies to transactions bearing an appropriate  
2 25 relation to this state.

2 26 3. If one of the following provisions of this chapter  
2 27 specifies the applicable law, that provision governs and a  
2 28 contrary agreement is effective only to the extent permitted  
2 29 by the law so specified:

- 2 30 a. Section 554.2402;
- 2 31 b. Section 554.4102;
- 2 32 c. Section 554.5116;
- 2 33 d. Section 554.8110;
- 2 34 e. Sections 554.9301 through 554.9307;
- 2 35 f. Section 554.12507;
- 3 1 g. Sections 554.13105 and 554.13106.

3 2 Sec. 6. Section 554.1106, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
3 3 amended to read as follows:

3 4 1. The remedies provided by this chapter ~~shall~~ must be  
3 5 liberally administered to the end that the aggrieved party may  
3 6 be put in as good a position as if the other party had fully  
3 7 performed but neither consequential or special damages nor  
3 8 penal damages may be had except as specifically provided in  
3 9 this chapter or by other rule of law.

3 10 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 554.1106A USE OF SINGULAR AND  
3 11 PLURAL == GENDER.

3 12 In this chapter, unless the statutory context otherwise  
3 13 requires:

3 14 1. words in the singular number include the plural, and  
3 15 those in the plural include the singular; and

3 16 2. words of any gender also refer to any other gender.

3 17 Sec. 8. Section 554.1107, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
3 18 follows:

3 19 554.1107 WAIVER OR RENUNCIATION OF CLAIM OR RIGHT AFTER  
3 20 BREACH.

3 21 ~~Any A~~ claim or right arising out of an alleged breach ~~can~~  
3 22 may be discharged in whole or in part without consideration by  
3 23 ~~a written waiver or renunciation signed and delivered by~~  
3 24 agreement of the aggrieved party in an authenticated record.

3 25 Sec. 9. Section 554.1108, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
3 26 follows:

3 27 554.1108 SEVERABILITY.

3 28 If any provision or clause of this chapter or its  
3 29 application ~~thereof~~ to any person or circumstances  
3 30 circumstance is held invalid, such the invalidity shall does  
3 31 not affect other provisions or applications of ~~the this~~  
3 32 chapter which can be given effect without the invalid  
3 33 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of  
3 34 this chapter are ~~declared to be~~ severable.

3 35 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 554.1108A RELATION TO ELECTRONIC  
4 1 SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT.

4 2 This Article modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal  
4 3 Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15  
4 4 U.S.C. } 7001 et seq., except that nothing in this Article  
4 5 modifies, limits, or supersedes } 7001(c) of that Act or  
4 6 authorizes electronic delivery of any of the notices described  
4 7 in } 7003(b) of that Act.

#### 4 8 PART 2

##### 4 9 GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION

4 10 Sec. 11. Section 554.1201, Code 2007, is amended to read  
4 11 as follows:

4 12 554.1201 GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

4 13 1. Unless the context otherwise requires, words or phrases  
4 14 defined in this section, or in the additional definitions  
4 15 contained in other Articles of this chapter that apply to  
4 16 particular Articles or Parts thereof, have the meanings  
4 17 stated.

4 18 ~~2. Subject to additional definitions contained in the~~  
4 19 ~~subsequent other Articles of this chapter which are applicable~~  
4 20 ~~that apply to specific particular Articles or Parts thereof,~~  
4 21 ~~and unless the context otherwise requires, in this chapter:~~

4 22 ~~1- a. "Action" in the sense of a judicial proceeding,~~  
4 23 ~~includes recoupment, counterclaim, setoff, suit in equity, and~~  
4 24 ~~any other proceedings in which rights are determined.~~

4 25 ~~2- b. "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to resort~~  
4 26 ~~to pursue a remedy.~~

4 27 ~~3- c. "Agreement", as distinguished from "contract",~~  
4 28 ~~means the bargain of the parties in fact, as found in their~~

4 29 language or ~~by implication inferred~~ from other circumstances,  
4 30 including course of performance, course of dealing, or usage  
4 31 of trade or course of performance as provided in this chapter  
4 32 (~~sections 554.1205 and 554.2208~~) section 554.1303. Whether an  
4 33 ~~agreement has legal consequences is determined by the~~  
4 34 ~~provisions of this chapter, if applicable; otherwise by the~~  
4 35 ~~law of contracts (section 554.1103). (Compare "Contract".)~~

5 1 ~~4. d.~~ "Bank" means ~~any~~ a person engaged in the business  
5 2 of banking and includes a savings bank, savings and loan  
5 3 association, credit union, and trust company.

5 4 ~~5. e.~~ "Bearer" means ~~the~~ a person in possession of ~~an a~~  
5 5 negotiable instrument, document of title, or certificated  
5 6 security that is payable to bearer or ~~endorsed indorsed~~ in  
5 7 blank.

5 8 ~~6. f.~~ "Bill of lading" means a document evidencing the  
5 9 receipt of goods for shipment issued by a person engaged in  
5 10 the business of transporting or forwarding goods, ~~and includes~~  
5 11 ~~an airbill. "Airbill" means a document serving for air~~  
5 12 ~~transportation as a bill of lading does for marine or rail~~  
5 13 ~~transportation, and includes an air consignment note or air~~  
5 14 ~~waybill.~~

5 15 ~~7. g.~~ "Branch" includes a separately incorporated foreign  
5 16 branch of a bank.

5 17 ~~8. h.~~ "Burden of establishing" a fact means the burden of  
5 18 persuading the ~~triers trier~~ of fact that the existence of the  
5 19 fact is more probable than its nonexistence.

5 20 ~~9. i.~~ "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a  
5 21 person that buys goods in good faith, without knowledge that  
5 22 the sale violates the rights of another person in the goods,  
5 23 and in the ordinary course from a person, other than a  
5 24 pawnbroker, in the business of selling goods of that kind. A  
5 25 person buys goods in the ordinary course if the sale to the  
5 26 person comports with the usual or customary practices in the  
5 27 kind of business in which the seller is engaged or with the  
5 28 seller's own usual or customary practices. A person that  
5 29 sells oil, gas, or other minerals at the wellhead or minehead  
5 30 is a person in the business of selling goods of that kind. A  
5 31 buyer in ordinary course of business may buy for cash, by  
5 32 exchange of other property, or on secured or unsecured credit,  
5 33 and may acquire goods or documents of title under a  
5 34 ~~pre-existing preexisting~~ contract for sale. Only a buyer that  
5 35 takes possession of the goods or has a right to recover the  
6 1 goods from the seller under Article 2 may be a buyer in  
6 2 ordinary course of business. A "Buyer in ordinary course of  
6 3 business" does not include a person that acquires goods in a  
6 4 transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or partial  
6 5 satisfaction of a money debt is not a buyer in ordinary course  
6 6 of business.

6 7 ~~10. j.~~ "Conspicuous" ~~—A, with reference to a term, or~~  
6 8 ~~clause is conspicuous when it is~~ means so written, displayed,  
6 9 or presented that a reasonable person against whom which it is  
6 10 to operate ought to have noticed it. A printed heading in  
6 11 capitals (as: "Nonnegotiable Bill of Lading") is conspicuous.  
6 12 Language in the body of a form is "conspicuous" if it is in  
6 13 larger or other contrasting type or color. But in a telegram  
6 14 any stated term is "conspicuous". Whether a term or clause is  
6 15 "conspicuous" or not is for a decision by for the court.  
6 16 Conspicuous terms include the following:

6 17 (1) a heading in capitals equal to or greater in size than  
6 18 the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or color  
6 19 to the surrounding text of the same or lesser size; and

6 20 (2) language in the body of a record or display in larger  
6 21 type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font,  
6 22 or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off  
6 23 from surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other  
6 24 marks that call attention to the language.

6 25 ~~k.~~ "Consumer" means an individual who enters into a  
6 26 transaction primarily for personal, family, or household  
6 27 purposes.

6 28 ~~11. l.~~ "Contract", as distinguished from "agreement",  
6 29 means the total legal obligation which that results from the  
6 30 parties' agreement as affected determined by this chapter and  
6 31 as supplemented by any other applicable rules of law laws.  
6 32 (Compare "Agreement".)

6 33 ~~12. m.~~ "Creditor" includes a general creditor, a secured  
6 34 creditor, a lien creditor, and any representative of  
6 35 creditors, including an assignee for the benefit of creditors,  
7 1 a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver in equity, and an executor  
7 2 or administrator of an insolvent debtor's or assignor's  
7 3 estate.

7 4 ~~13. n.~~ "Defendant" includes a person in the position of

7 5 defendant in a ~~cross-action or~~ counterclaim, ~~cross=claim, or~~  
7 6 ~~third-party claim.~~

7 7 ~~14. o. "Delivery" with respect to instruments an~~  
7 8 ~~instrument, documents document of title, or chattel paper, or~~  
7 9 ~~certificated securities means voluntary transfer of~~  
7 10 possession.

7 11 ~~15. p. "Document of title" includes bill of lading, dock~~  
7 12 ~~warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt or order for the~~  
7 13 ~~delivery of goods, and also any other document which in the~~  
7 14 ~~regular course of business or financing is treated as~~  
7 15 ~~adequately evidencing that the person in possession of it is~~  
7 16 ~~entitled to receive, hold, and dispose of the document and the~~  
7 17 ~~goods it covers. To be a document of title, a document must~~  
7 18 ~~purport to be issued by or addressed to a bailee and purport~~  
7 19 ~~to cover goods in the bailee's possession which are either~~  
7 20 ~~identified or are fungible portions of an identified mass.~~

7 21 ~~16. q. "Fault" means a default, breach, or wrongful act,~~  
7 22 ~~or omission or breach.~~

7 23 ~~17. r. "Fungible" with respect to goods or securities~~  
7 24 ~~"Fungible goods" means:~~

7 25 ~~(1) goods or securities of which any unit is, by nature or~~  
7 26 ~~usage of trade, is the equivalent of any other like unit; or~~

7 27 ~~(2) Goods which goods that by agreement are not fungible~~  
7 28 ~~shall be deemed fungible for the purposes of this chapter to~~  
7 29 ~~the extent that under a particular agreement or document~~  
7 30 ~~unlike units are treated as equivalents equivalent.~~

7 31 ~~18. s. "Genuine" means free of forgery or counterfeiting.~~

7 32 ~~19. t. "Good faith", except as otherwise provided in~~  
7 33 ~~Article 5, means honesty in fact in the conduct or transaction~~  
7 34 ~~concerned and the observance of reasonable commercial~~  
7 35 ~~standards of fair dealing.~~

8 1 ~~20. u. "Holder", with respect to a negotiable instrument,~~  
8 2 ~~means:~~

8 3 ~~(1) the person in possession if the of a negotiable~~  
8 4 ~~instrument that is payable either to bearer or, in the case of~~  
8 5 ~~an instrument payable to an identified person, if the~~  
8 6 ~~identified that is the person is in possession; or~~

8 7 ~~(2) "Holder" with respect to a document of title means the~~  
8 8 ~~person in possession of a document of title if the goods are~~  
8 9 ~~deliverable either to bearer or to the order of the person in~~  
8 10 possession.

8 11 ~~21. To "honor" is to pay or to accept and pay, or where a~~  
8 12 ~~credit so engages to purchase or discount a draft complying~~  
8 13 ~~with the terms of the credit.~~

8 14 ~~22. v. "Insolvency proceedings" proceeding" includes any~~  
8 15 ~~assignment for the benefit of creditors or other proceedings~~  
8 16 ~~proceeding intended to liquidate or rehabilitate the estate of~~  
8 17 the person involved.

8 18 ~~23. w. A person is "insolvent" who either has "Insolvent"~~  
8 19 ~~means:~~

8 20 ~~(1) having generally ceased to pay that person's debts in~~  
8 21 ~~the ordinary course of business or cannot pay that person's~~  
8 22 ~~debts other than as a result of a bona fide dispute;~~

8 23 ~~(2) being unable to pay debts as they become due; or~~

8 24 ~~(3) is being insolvent within the meaning of the federal~~  
8 25 bankruptcy law.

8 26 ~~24. x. "Money" means a medium of exchange currently~~  
8 27 ~~authorized or adopted by a domestic or foreign government and,~~  
8 28 ~~The term includes a monetary unit of account established by an~~  
8 29 ~~intergovernmental organization or by agreement between two or~~  
8 30 ~~more nations countries.~~

8 31 ~~25. A person has "notice" of a fact when~~

8 32 ~~a. the person has actual knowledge of it; or~~

8 33 ~~b. the person has received a notice or notification of it;~~  
8 34 ~~or~~

8 35 ~~c. from all the facts and circumstances known to the~~  
9 1 ~~person at the time in question the person has reason to know~~  
9 2 ~~that it exists. A person "knows" or has "knowledge" of a fact~~  
9 3 ~~when that person has actual knowledge of it. "Discover" or~~  
9 4 ~~"learn" or a word or phrase of similar import refers to~~  
9 5 ~~knowledge rather than to reason to know. The time and~~  
9 6 ~~circumstances under which a notice or notification may cease~~  
9 7 ~~to be effective are not determined by this chapter.~~

9 8 ~~26. A person "notifies" or "gives" a notice or~~  
9 9 ~~notification to another by taking such steps as may be~~  
9 10 ~~reasonably required to inform the other in ordinary course~~  
9 11 ~~whether or not such other actually comes to know of it. A~~  
9 12 ~~person "receives" a notice or notification when~~

9 13 ~~a. it comes to that person's attention; or~~

9 14 ~~b. it is duly delivered at the place of business through~~  
9 15 ~~which the contract was made or at any other place held out by~~

~~9 16 that person as the place for receipt of such communications.  
9 17 27. Notice, knowledge or a notice or notification received  
9 18 by an organization is effective for a particular transaction  
9 19 from the time when it is brought to the attention of the  
9 20 individual conducting that transaction, and in any event from  
9 21 the time when it would have been brought to that individual's  
9 22 attention if the organization had exercised due diligence. An  
9 23 organization exercises due diligence if it maintains  
9 24 reasonable routines for communicating significant information  
9 25 to the person conducting the transaction and there is  
9 26 reasonable compliance with the routines. Due diligence does  
9 27 not require an individual acting for the organization to  
9 28 communicate information unless such communication is part of  
9 29 that individual's regular duties or unless the individual has  
9 30 reason to know of the transaction and that the transaction  
9 31 would be materially affected by the information.~~

9 32 28. y. "Organization" includes means a corporation,  
9 33 government or governmental subdivision or agency, business  
9 34 trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, two or more  
9 35 persons having a joint or common interest, or any person other  
10 1 legal or commercial entity than an individual.

10 2 29. z. "Party", as distinct distinguished from "third  
10 3 party", means a person who that has engaged in a transaction  
10 4 or made an agreement within subject to this chapter.

10 5 30. aa. "Person" includes means an individual, or an  
10 6 organization (See section 554.1102) corporation, business  
10 7 trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company,  
10 8 association, joint venture, government, governmental  
10 9 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, public corporation,  
10 10 or any other legal or commercial entity.

10 11 31. "Presumption" or "presumed" means that the trier of  
10 12 fact must find the existence of the fact presumed unless and  
10 13 until evidence is introduced which would support a finding of  
10 14 its nonexistence.

10 15 ab. "Present value" means the amount as of a date certain  
10 16 of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to the  
10 17 date certain by use of either an interest rate specified by  
10 18 the parties if that rate is not manifestly unreasonable at the  
10 19 time the transaction is entered into or, if an interest rate  
10 20 is not so specified, a commercially reasonable rate that takes  
10 21 into account the facts and circumstances at the time the  
10 22 transaction is entered into.

10 23 32. ac. "Purchase" means any voluntary transaction  
10 24 creating an interest in property, including taking by sale,  
10 25 lease, discount, negotiation, mortgage, pledge, voluntary  
10 26 lien, security interest, issue, or reissue, or gift, or any  
10 27 other voluntary transaction creating an interest in property.

10 28 33. ad. "Purchaser" means a person who takes by purchase.

10 29 ae. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a  
10 30 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other  
10 31 medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

10 32 34. af. "Remedy" means any remedial right to which an  
10 33 aggrieved party is entitled with or without resort to a  
10 34 tribunal.

10 35 35. ag. "Representative" includes means a person  
11 1 empowered to act for another, including an agent, an officer  
11 2 of a corporation or association, and a trustee, executor, or  
11 3 administrator of an estate, or any other person empowered to  
11 4 act for another.

11 5 36. ah. "Rights" "Right" includes remedies remedy.

11 6 37. a. ai. "Security interest" means an interest in  
11 7 personal property or fixtures which secures payment or  
11 8 performance of an obligation. The term also "Security  
11 9 interest" includes any interest of a signor and a buyer of  
11 10 accounts, chattel paper, a payment intangible, or a promissory  
11 11 note in a transaction that is subject to Article 9. The  
11 12 "Security interest" does not include the special property  
11 13 interest of a buyer of goods on identification of those goods  
11 14 to a contract for sale under section 554.2401 is not a  
11 15 "security interest", but a buyer may also acquire a "security  
11 16 interest" by complying with Article 9. Except as otherwise  
11 17 provided in section 554.2505, the right of a seller or lessor  
11 18 of goods under Article 2 or 13 to retain or acquire possession  
11 19 of the goods is not a "security interest", but a seller or  
11 20 lessor may also acquire a "security interest" by complying  
11 21 with Article 9. The retention or reservation of title by a  
11 22 seller of goods notwithstanding shipment or delivery to the  
11 23 buyer (section 554.2401) under section 554.2401 is limited in  
11 24 effect to a reservation of a "security interest". Whether

11 25 b. Whether a transaction in the form of a lease creates a  
11 26 lease or security interest "security interest" is determined

~~11 27 by the facts of each case; however, a transaction creates a  
11 28 security interest if the consideration the lessee is to pay  
11 29 the lessor for the right to possession and use of the goods is  
11 30 an obligation for the term of the lease not subject to  
11 31 termination by the lessee, and~~

~~11 32 (1) the original term of the lease is equal to or greater  
11 33 than the remaining economic life of the goods,~~

~~11 34 (2) the lessee is bound to renew the lease for the  
11 35 remaining economic life of the goods or is bound to become the  
12 1 owner of the goods,~~

~~12 2 (3) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for the  
12 3 remaining economic life of the goods for no additional  
12 4 consideration or nominal additional consideration upon  
12 5 compliance with the lease agreement, or~~

~~12 6 (4) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the  
12 7 goods for no additional consideration or nominal additional  
12 8 consideration upon compliance with the lease agreement  
12 9 pursuant to section 554.1203.~~

~~12 10 e. A transaction does not create a security interest  
12 11 merely because it provides that~~

~~12 12 (1) the present value of the consideration the lessee is  
12 13 obligated to pay the lessor for the right to possession and  
12 14 use of the goods is substantially equal to or is greater than  
12 15 the fair market value of the goods at the time the lease is  
12 16 entered into,~~

~~12 17 (2) the lessee assumes risk of loss of the goods, or  
12 18 agrees to pay taxes, insurance, filing, recording, or  
12 19 registration fees, or service or maintenance costs with  
12 20 respect to the goods,~~

~~12 21 (3) the lessee has an option to renew the lease or to  
12 22 become the owner of the goods,~~

~~12 23 (4) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for a  
12 24 fixed rent that is equal to or greater than the reasonably  
12 25 predictable fair market rent for the use of the goods for the  
12 26 term of the renewal at the time the option is to be performed,  
12 27 or~~

~~12 28 (5) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the  
12 29 goods for a fixed price that is equal to or greater than the  
12 30 reasonably predictable fair market value of the goods at the  
12 31 time the option is to be performed.~~

~~12 32 d. For purposes of this subsection:~~

~~12 33 (1) Additional consideration is not nominal if (i) when  
12 34 the option to renew the lease is granted to the lessee the  
12 35 rent is stated to be the fair market rent for the use of the  
13 1 goods for the term of the renewal determined at the time the  
13 2 option is to be performed, or (ii) when the option to become  
13 3 the owner of the goods is granted to the lessee the price is  
13 4 stated to be the fair market value of the goods determined at  
13 5 the time the option is to be performed. Additional  
13 6 consideration is nominal if it is less than the lessee's  
13 7 reasonably predictable cost of performing under the lease  
13 8 agreement if the option is not exercised;~~

~~13 9 (2) "Reasonably predictable" and "remaining economic life  
13 10 of the goods" are to be determined with reference to the facts  
13 11 and circumstances at the time the transaction is entered into;  
13 12 and~~

~~13 13 (3) "Present value" means the amount as of a date certain  
13 14 of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to the  
13 15 date certain. The discount is determined by the interest rate  
13 16 specified by the parties if the rate is not manifestly  
13 17 unreasonable at the time the transaction is entered into;  
13 18 otherwise, the discount is determined by a commercially  
13 19 reasonable rate that takes into account the facts and  
13 20 circumstances of each case at the time the transaction was  
13 21 entered into.~~

~~13 22 38- aj. "Send" in connection with any a writing, record,  
13 23 or notice means:~~

~~13 24 (1) to deposit in the mail or deliver for transmission by  
13 25 any other usual means of communication with postage or cost of  
13 26 transmission provided for and properly addressed and, in the  
13 27 case of an instrument, to an address specified thereon or  
13 28 otherwise agreed, or if there be none to any address  
13 29 reasonable under the circumstances; or~~

~~13 30 (2) The receipt of in any writing other way to cause to be  
13 31 received any record or notice within the time at which it  
13 32 would have arrived if properly sent has the effect of a proper  
13 33 sending.~~

~~13 34 39- ak. "Signed" includes using any symbol executed or  
13 35 adopted by a party with present intention to authenticate  
14 1 adopt or accept a writing.~~

~~14 2 al. "State" means a state of the United States, the~~

14 3 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin  
14 4 Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the  
14 5 jurisdiction of the United States.

14 6 ~~40. am. "Surety" includes a guarantor or other secondary~~  
14 7 ~~obligor.~~

14 8 ~~41. "Telegram" includes a message transmitted by radio,~~  
14 9 ~~teletype, cable, any mechanical method of transmission, or the~~  
14 10 ~~like.~~

14 11 ~~42. an. "Term" means that portion of an agreement which~~  
14 12 ~~that relates to a particular matter.~~

14 13 ~~43. ao. "Unauthorized" signature "Unauthorized signature"~~  
14 14 ~~means one a signature made without actual, implied, or~~  
14 15 ~~apparent authority and. The term includes a forgery.~~

14 16 ~~44. "Value". Except as otherwise provided with respect to~~  
14 17 ~~negotiable instruments and bank collections (sections~~  
14 18 ~~554.3303, 554.4210, and 554.4211) a person gives "value" for~~  
14 19 ~~rights if the person acquires them~~

14 20 ~~a. in return for a binding commitment to extend credit or~~  
14 21 ~~for the extension of immediately available credit whether or~~  
14 22 ~~not drawn upon and whether or not a charge-back is provided~~  
14 23 ~~for in the event of difficulties in collection; or~~

14 24 ~~b. as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of~~  
14 25 ~~a pre-existing claim; or~~

14 26 ~~c. by accepting delivery pursuant to a pre-existing~~  
14 27 ~~contract for purchase; or~~

14 28 ~~d. generally, in return for any consideration sufficient~~  
14 29 ~~to support a simple contract.~~

14 30 ~~45. ap. "Warehouse receipt" means a receipt issued by a~~  
14 31 ~~person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire.~~

14 32 ~~46. aq. "Written" or "writing" "Writing" includes~~  
14 33 ~~printing, typewriting, or any other intentional reduction to~~  
14 34 ~~tangible form. "Written" has a corresponding meaning.~~

14 35 Sec. 12. Section 554.1202, Code 2007, is amended to read  
15 1 as follows:

15 2 554.1202 PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE BY ~~THIRD PARTY~~ THIRD=PARTY  
15 3 DOCUMENTS.

15 4 A document in due form purporting to be a bill of lading,  
15 5 policy or certificate of insurance, official weigher's or  
15 6 inspector's certificate, consular invoice, or any other  
15 7 document authorized or required by the contract to be issued  
15 8 by a third party ~~shall be~~ is prima facie evidence of its own  
15 9 authenticity and genuineness and of the facts stated in the  
15 10 document by the third party.

15 11 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 554.1202A NOTICE == KNOWLEDGE.

15 12 1. Subject to subsection 6, a person has "notice" of a  
15 13 fact if the person:

15 14 a. has actual knowledge of it;

15 15 b. has received a notice or notification of it; or

15 16 c. from all the facts and circumstances known to the  
15 17 person at the time in question, has reason to know that it  
15 18 exists.

15 19 2. "Knowledge" means actual knowledge. "Knows" has a  
15 20 corresponding meaning.

15 21 3. "Discover", "learn", or words of similar import refer  
15 22 to knowledge rather than to reason to know.

15 23 4. A person "notifies" or "gives" a notice or notification  
15 24 to another person by taking such steps as may be reasonably  
15 25 required to inform the other person in ordinary course,  
15 26 whether or not the other person actually comes to know of it.

15 27 5. Subject to subsection 6, a person "receives" a notice  
15 28 or notification when:

15 29 a. it comes to that person's attention; or

15 30 b. it is duly delivered in a form reasonable under the  
15 31 circumstances at the place of business through which the  
15 32 contract was made or at another location held out by that  
15 33 person as the place for receipt of such communications.

15 34 6. Notice, knowledge, or a notice or notification received  
16 1 by an organization is effective for a particular transaction  
16 2 from the time it is brought to the attention of the individual  
16 3 conducting that transaction and, in any event, from the time  
16 4 it would have been brought to the individual's attention if  
16 5 the organization had exercised due diligence. An organization  
16 6 exercises due diligence if it maintains reasonable routines  
16 7 for communicating significant information to the person  
16 8 conducting the transaction and there is reasonable compliance  
16 9 with the routines. Due diligence does not require an  
16 10 individual acting for the organization to communicate  
16 11 information unless the communication is part of the  
16 12 individual's regular duties or the individual has reason to  
16 13 know of the transaction and that the transaction would be  
16 14 materially affected by the information.

16 14 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 554.1203A LEASE DISTINGUISHED FROM  
16 15 SECURITY INTEREST.

16 16 1. Whether a transaction in the form of a lease creates a  
16 17 lease or security interest is determined by the facts of each  
16 18 case.

16 19 2. A transaction in the form of a lease creates a security  
16 20 interest if the consideration that the lessee is to pay the  
16 21 lessor for the right to possession and use of the goods is an  
16 22 obligation for the term of the lease and is not subject to  
16 23 termination by the lessee, and:

16 24 a. the original term of the lease is equal to or greater  
16 25 than the remaining economic life of the goods;

16 26 b. the lessee is bound to renew the lease for the  
16 27 remaining economic life of the goods or is bound to become the  
16 28 owner of the goods;

16 29 c. the lessee has an option to renew the lease for the  
16 30 remaining economic life of the goods for no additional  
16 31 consideration or for nominal additional consideration upon  
16 32 compliance with the lease agreement; or

16 33 d. the lessee has an option to become the owner of the  
16 34 goods for no additional consideration or for nominal  
16 35 additional consideration upon compliance with the lease  
17 1 agreement.

17 2 3. A transaction in the form of a lease does not create a  
17 3 security interest merely because:

17 4 a. the present value of the consideration the lessee is  
17 5 obligated to pay the lessor for the right to possession and  
17 6 use of the goods is substantially equal to or is greater than  
17 7 the fair market value of the goods at the time the lease is  
17 8 entered into;

17 9 b. the lessee assumes risk of loss of the goods;

17 10 c. the lessee agrees to pay, with respect to the goods,  
17 11 taxes, insurance, filing, recording, or registration fees, or  
17 12 service or maintenance costs;

17 13 d. the lessee has an option to renew the lease or to  
17 14 become the owner of the goods;

17 15 e. the lessee has an option to renew the lease for a fixed  
17 16 rent that is equal to or greater than the reasonably  
17 17 predictable fair market rent for the use of the goods for the  
17 18 term of the renewal at the time the option is to be performed;  
17 19 or

17 20 f. the lessee has an option to become the owner of the  
17 21 goods for a fixed price that is equal to or greater than the  
17 22 reasonably predictable fair market value of the goods at the  
17 23 time the option is to be performed.

17 24 4. Additional consideration is nominal if it is less than  
17 25 the lessee's reasonably predictable cost of performing under  
17 26 the lease agreement if the option is not exercised.  
17 27 Additional consideration is not nominal if:

17 28 a. when the option to renew the lease is granted to the  
17 29 lessee, the rent is stated to be the fair market rent for the  
17 30 use of the goods for the term of the renewal determined at the  
17 31 time the option is to be performed; or

17 32 b. when the option to become the owner of the goods is  
17 33 granted to the lessee, the price is stated to be the fair  
17 34 market value of the goods determined at the time the option is  
17 35 to be performed.

18 1 5. The "remaining economic life of the goods" and  
18 2 "reasonably predictable" fair market rent, fair market value,  
18 3 or cost of performing under the lease agreement must be  
18 4 determined with reference to the facts and circumstances at  
18 5 the time the transaction is entered into.

18 6 Sec. 15. Section 554.1204, Code 2007, is amended to read  
18 7 as follows:

18 8 554.1204 ~~TIME~~ == REASONABLE TIME == "~~SEASONABLY~~"  
18 9 SEASONABLENESS.

~~18 10 1. Whenever this chapter requires any action to be taken~~  
~~18 11 within a reasonable time, any time which is not manifestly~~  
~~18 12 unreasonable may be fixed by agreement.~~

18 13 2. ~~What is Whether~~ a ~~reasonable~~ time for taking ~~any an~~  
18 14 action ~~required by this chapter is reasonable~~ depends on the  
18 15 nature, purpose, and circumstances of ~~such the~~ action.

18 16 3. ~~2.~~ An action is taken "~~seasonably~~" when ~~seasonably if~~  
18 17 it is taken at or within the time agreed or, if no time is  
18 18 agreed, at or within a reasonable time.

18 19 Sec. 16. NEW SECTION. 554.1204A VALUE.

18 20 Except as otherwise provided in Articles 3, 4, and 5, a  
18 21 person gives value for rights if the person acquires them:

18 22 1. in return for a binding commitment to extend credit or  
18 23 for the extension of immediately available credit, whether or  
18 24 not drawn upon and whether or not a charge-back is provided



18 25 for in the event of difficulties in collection;  
18 26 2. as security for, or in total or partial satisfaction  
18 27 of, a preexisting claim;  
18 28 3. by accepting delivery under a preexisting contract for  
18 29 purchase; or  
18 30 4. in return for any consideration sufficient to support a  
18 31 simple contract.

18 32 Sec. 17. Section 554.1205, Code 2007, is amended to read  
18 33 as follows:

18 34 554.1205 COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, COURSE OF DEALING, AND  
18 35 USAGE OF TRADE.

19 1 1. A "course of performance" is a sequence of conduct  
19 2 between the parties to a particular transaction that exists  
19 3 if:

19 4 a. the agreement of the parties with respect to the  
19 5 transaction involves repeated occasions for performance by a  
19 6 party; and

19 7 b. the other party, with knowledge of the nature of the  
19 8 performance and opportunity for objection to it, accepts the  
19 9 performance or acquiesces in it without objection.

19 10 ~~1- 2.~~ 2. A course of dealing "course of dealing" is a  
19 11 sequence of ~~previous~~ conduct concerning previous transactions  
19 12 between the parties to a particular transaction ~~which that~~ is  
19 13 fairly to be regarded as establishing a common basis of  
19 14 understanding for interpreting their expressions and other  
19 15 conduct.

19 16 ~~2- 3.~~ 3. A ~~usage of trade~~ "usage of trade" is any practice  
19 17 or method of dealing having such regularity of observance in a  
19 18 place, vocation, or trade as to justify an expectation that it  
19 19 will be observed with respect to the transaction in question.  
19 20 The existence and scope of such a usage ~~are to~~ must be proved  
19 21 as facts. If it is established that such a usage is embodied  
19 22 in a ~~written~~ trade code or similar ~~writing~~ record, the  
19 23 interpretation of the ~~writing~~ record is ~~for the court~~ a  
19 24 question of law.

19 25 ~~3- 4.~~ 4. A course of performance or course of dealing  
19 26 between ~~the~~ parties ~~and any or~~ usage of trade in the vocation  
19 27 or trade in which they are engaged or of which they are or  
19 28 should be aware ~~give particular meaning to and supplement or~~  
19 29 ~~qualify terms of an~~ is relevant in ascertaining the meaning of  
19 30 ~~the parties' agreement,~~ may give particular meaning to  
19 31 ~~specific terms of the agreement,~~ and may supplement or qualify  
19 32 ~~the terms of the agreement.~~ A usage of trade applicable in  
19 33 ~~the place in which part of the performance under the agreement~~  
19 34 ~~is to occur~~ may be so utilized as to that part of the  
19 35 performance.

20 1 ~~4- 5.~~ 5. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6,  
20 2 the express terms of an agreement and ~~an~~ any applicable course  
20 3 of dealing, or usage of trade ~~shall~~ must be construed wherever  
20 4 reasonable as consistent with each other, ~~but when.~~ If such a  
20 5 construction is unreasonable:

20 6 a. express terms ~~control both~~ prevail over course of  
20 7 performance, course of dealing, and usage of trade;

20 8 b. course of performance prevails over course of dealing  
20 9 and usage of trade; and

20 10 c. course of dealing ~~controls~~ prevails over usage of  
20 11 trade.

20 12 ~~5- 6.~~ 6. An applicable usage of trade in the place where any  
20 13 part ~~subject to section 554.2209,~~ a course of performance is  
20 14 to occur ~~shall be used in interpreting the agreement as to~~  
20 15 ~~that part relevant to show a waiver or modification of any~~  
20 16 ~~term inconsistent with the course of the performance.~~

20 17 ~~6- 7.~~ 7. Evidence of a relevant usage of trade offered by  
20 18 one party is not admissible unless ~~and until~~ that party has  
20 19 given the other party ~~such~~ notice as that the court finds  
20 20 sufficient to prevent unfair surprise to the ~~latter~~ other  
20 21 party.

20 22 Sec. 18. NEW SECTION. 554.1206A PRESUMPTIONS.  
20 23 Whenever this chapter creates a "presumption" with respect  
20 24 to a fact, or provides that a fact is "presumed", the trier of  
20 25 fact must find the existence of the fact unless and until  
20 26 evidence is introduced that supports a finding of its  
20 27 nonexistence.

20 28 Sec. 19. Section 554.1207, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
20 29 amended to read as follows:

20 30 1. A party ~~who,~~ that with explicit reservation of rights,  
20 31 performs or promises performance or assents to performance in  
20 32 a manner demanded or offered by the other party does not  
20 33 thereby prejudice the rights reserved. Such words as "without  
20 34 prejudice", "under protest", or the like are sufficient.

20 35 Sec. 20. Section 554.1208, Code 2007, is amended to read

21 1 as follows:  
21 2 554.1208 OPTION TO ACCELERATE AT WILL.  
21 3 A term providing that one party or that party's successor  
21 4 in interest may accelerate payment or performance or require  
21 5 collateral or additional collateral "at will" or ~~"when when~~  
21 6 the party ~~deems~~ deems itself insecure" or in words of similar  
21 7 import ~~shall be construed to mean, means~~ that that party ~~shall~~  
~~21 8 have has~~ power to do so only if that party in good faith  
21 9 believes that the prospect of payment or performance is  
21 10 impaired. The burden of establishing lack of good faith is on  
21 11 the party against ~~whom~~ which the power has been exercised.

21 12 Sec. 21. Section 554.1209, Code 2007, is amended to read  
21 13 as follows:

21 14 554.1209 SUBORDINATED OBLIGATIONS.

21 15 An obligation may be issued as subordinated to ~~payment~~  
21 16 performance of another obligation of the person obligated, or  
21 17 a creditor may subordinate ~~the creditor's its~~ right to ~~payment~~  
21 18 performance of an obligation by agreement with either the  
21 19 person obligated or another creditor of the person obligated.  
21 20 ~~Such a subordination Subordination~~ does not create a security  
21 21 interest as against either the common debtor or a subordinated  
21 22 creditor. ~~This section shall be construed as declaring the~~  
~~21 23 law as it existed prior to the enactment of this section and~~  
~~21 24 not as modifying it.~~

21 25 PART 3

21 26 TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES

21 27 Sec. 22. NEW SECTION. 554.1302 VARIATION BY AGREEMENT.

21 28 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or  
21 29 elsewhere in this chapter, the effect of provisions of this  
21 30 chapter may be varied by agreement.

21 31 2. The obligations of good faith, diligence,  
21 32 reasonableness, and care prescribed by this chapter may not be  
21 33 disclaimed by agreement. The parties, by agreement, may  
21 34 determine the standards by which the performance of those  
21 35 obligations is to be measured if those standards are not  
22 1 manifestly unreasonable. Whenever this chapter requires an  
22 2 action to be taken within a reasonable time, a time that is  
22 3 not manifestly unreasonable may be fixed by agreement.

22 4 3. The presence in certain provisions of this chapter of  
22 5 the phrase "unless otherwise agreed", or words of similar  
22 6 import, does not imply that the effect of other provisions may  
22 7 not be varied by agreement under this section.

22 8 DIVISION II

22 9 CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO OTHER ARTICLES

22 10 PART A

22 11 ARTICLE 2

22 12 Sec. 23. Section 554.2103, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
22 13 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

22 14 Sec. 24. Section 554.2202, subsection a, Code 2007, is  
22 15 amended to read as follows:

22 16 a. by course of performance, course of dealing, or usage  
22 17 of trade (section ~~554.1205~~ 554.1303) ~~or by course of~~  
~~22 18 performance (section 554.2208); and~~

22 19 PART B

22 20 ARTICLE 3

22 21 Sec. 25. Section 554.3103, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code  
22 22 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

22 23 Sec. 26. Section 554.3103, subsection 1, paragraph j, Code  
22 24 2007, is amended to read as follows:

22 25 j. "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the burden  
22 26 of establishing the fact (section 554.1201, subsection ~~g~~ 2,  
~~22 27 paragraph "h").~~

22 28 PART C

22 29 ARTICLE 4

22 30 Sec. 27. Section 554.4104, subsection 3, Code 2007, is  
22 31 amended to read as follows:

22 32 3. The following definitions in other Articles apply to  
22 33 this Article:

22 34	"Acceptance"	Section 554.3409
22 35	"Alteration"	Section 554.3407
23 1	"Cashier's check"	Section 554.3104
23 2	"Certificate of deposit"	Section 554.3104
23 3	"Certified check"	Section 554.3409
23 4	"Check"	Section 554.3104
23 5	<del>"Good faith"</del>	<del>Section 554.3103</del>
23 6	"Holder in due course"	Section 554.3302
23 7	"Instrument"	Section 554.3104
23 8	"Notice of dishonor"	Section 554.3503
23 9	"Order"	Section 554.3103
23 10	"Ordinary care"	Section 554.3103
23 11	"Person entitled	

23 12	to enforce"	Section 554.3301
23 13	"Presentment"	Section 554.3501
23 14	"Promise"	Section 554.3103
23 15	"Prove"	Section 554.3103
23 16	"Teller's check"	Section 554.3104
23 17	"Unauthorized signature"	Section 554.3403

23 18 PART D  
23 19 ARTICLE 5

23 20 Sec. 28. Section 554.5103, subsection 3, Code 2007, is  
23 21 amended to read as follows:

23 22 3. With the exception of this subsection, subsections 1  
23 23 and 4, section 554.5102, subsection 1, paragraphs "i" and "j",  
23 24 section 554.5106, subsection 4, and section 554.5114,  
23 25 subsection 4, and except to the extent prohibited in section  
23 26 ~~554.1102, subsection 3, 554.1302~~ and section 554.5117,  
23 27 subsection 4, the effect of this Article may be varied by  
23 28 agreement or by a provision stated or incorporated by  
23 29 reference in an undertaking. A term in an agreement or  
23 30 undertaking generally excusing liability or generally limiting  
23 31 remedies for failure to perform obligations is not sufficient  
23 32 to vary obligations prescribed by this Article.

23 33 PART E  
23 34 ARTICLE 8

23 35 Sec. 29. Section 554.8102, subsection 1, paragraph j, Code  
24 1 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

24 2 PART F  
24 3 ARTICLE 9

24 4 Sec. 30. Section 554.9102, subsection 1, paragraph aq,  
24 5 Code 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

24 6 PART G  
24 7 ARTICLE 12

24 8 Sec. 31. Section 554.12105, subsection 1, paragraph f,  
24 9 Code 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

24 10 Sec. 32. Section 554.12105, subsection 1, paragraph g,  
24 11 Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

24 12 g. "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the burden  
24 13 of establishing the fact as defined in section 554.1201,  
24 14 subsection ~~g~~ 2, paragraph "h".

24 15 Sec. 33. Section 554.12106, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
24 16 amended to read as follows:

24 17 1. The time of receipt of a payment order or communication  
24 18 canceling or amending a payment order is determined by the  
24 19 rules applicable to receipt of a notice stated in section  
24 20 ~~554.1201, subsection 27~~ 554.1202. A receiving bank may  
24 21 establish a cut-off time or times on a funds-transfer business  
24 22 day for the receipt and processing of payment orders, and  
24 23 communications canceling or amending payment orders.  
24 24 Different cut-off times may apply to payment orders,  
24 25 cancellations, or amendments, or to different categories of  
24 26 payment orders, cancellations, or amendments. A cut-off time  
24 27 may apply to senders generally, or different cut-off times may  
24 28 apply to different senders or categories of payment orders.  
24 29 If a payment order or communication canceling or amending a  
24 30 payment order is received after the close of a funds-transfer  
24 31 business day or after the appropriate cut-off time on a  
24 32 funds-transfer business day, the receiving bank may treat the  
24 33 payment order or communication as received at the opening of  
24 34 the next funds-transfer business day.

24 35 Sec. 34. Section 554.12204, subsection 2, Code 2007, is  
25 1 amended to read as follows:

25 2 2. Reasonable time under subsection 1 may be fixed by  
25 3 agreement as provided in section ~~554.1204~~ 554.1302, subsection  
25 4 ~~± 2~~, but the obligation of a receiving bank to refund payment  
25 5 as stated in subsection 1 may not otherwise be varied by  
25 6 agreement.

25 7 PART H  
25 8 ARTICLE 13

25 9 Sec. 35. Section 554.13501, subsection 4, Code 2007, is  
25 10 amended to read as follows:

25 11 4. Except as otherwise provided in section ~~554.1106~~  
25 12 554.1305, subsection 1, ~~of or~~ this Article or the lease  
25 13 agreement, the rights and remedies referred to in subsections  
25 14 2 and 3 are cumulative.

25 15 Sec. 36. Section 554.13518, subsection 2, Code 2007, is  
25 16 amended to read as follows:

25 17 2. Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages  
25 18 liquidated in the lease agreement (section 554.13504) or  
25 19 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties  
25 20 (sections ~~554.1102, subsection 3, 554.1302~~ and 554.13503), if  
25 21 a lessee's cover is by a lease agreement substantially similar  
25 22 to the original lease agreement and the new lease agreement is

25 23 made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner,  
25 24 the lessee may recover from the lessor as damages (i) the  
25 25 present value, as of the date of the commencement of the term  
25 26 of the new lease agreement, of the rent under the new lease  
25 27 agreement applicable to that period of the new lease term  
25 28 which is comparable to the then remaining term of the original  
25 29 lease agreement minus the present value as of the same date of  
25 30 the total rent for the then remaining lease term of the  
25 31 original lease agreement, and (ii) any incidental or  
25 32 consequential damages, less expenses saved in consequence of  
25 33 the lessor's default.

25 34 Sec. 37. Section 554.13519, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
25 35 amended to read as follows:

26 1 1. Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages  
26 2 liquidated in the lease agreement (section 554.13504) or  
26 3 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties  
26 4 (sections ~~554.1102, subsection 3, 554.1302~~ and 554.13503), if  
26 5 a lessee elects not to cover or a lessee elects to cover and  
26 6 the cover is by lease agreement that for any reason does not  
26 7 qualify for treatment under section 554.13518, subsection 2,  
26 8 or is by purchase or otherwise, the measure of damages for  
26 9 nondelivery or repudiation by the lessor or for rejection or  
26 10 revocation of acceptance by the lessee is the present value,  
26 11 as of the date of the default, of the then market rent minus  
26 12 the present value as of the same date of the original rent,  
26 13 computed for the remaining lease term of the original lease  
26 14 agreement, together with incidental and consequential damages,  
26 15 less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.

26 16 Sec. 38. Section 554.13527, subsection 2, Code 2007, is  
26 17 amended to read as follows:

26 18 2. Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages  
26 19 liquidated in the lease agreement (section 554.13504) or  
26 20 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties  
26 21 (sections ~~554.1102, subsection 3, 554.1302~~ and 554.13503), if  
26 22 the disposition is by lease agreement substantially similar to  
26 23 the original lease agreement and the new lease agreement is  
26 24 made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner,  
26 25 the lessor may recover from the lessee as damages (i) accrued  
26 26 and unpaid rent as of the date of the commencement of the term  
26 27 of the new lease agreement, (ii) the present value, as of the  
26 28 same date, of the total rent for the remaining lease term of  
26 29 the original lease agreement minus the present value, as of  
26 30 the same date, of the rent under the new lease agreement  
26 31 applicable to that period of the new lease term which is  
26 32 comparable to the then remaining term of the original lease  
26 33 agreement, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under  
26 34 section 554.13530, less expenses saved in consequence of the  
26 35 lessee's default.

27 1 Sec. 39. Section 554.13528, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
27 2 amended to read as follows:

27 3 1. Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages  
27 4 liquidated in the lease agreement (section 554.13504) or  
27 5 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties  
27 6 (sections ~~554.1102, subsection 3, 554.1302~~ and 554.13503), if  
27 7 a lessor elects to retain the goods or a lessor elects to  
27 8 dispose of the goods and the disposition is by lease agreement  
27 9 that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under  
27 10 section 554.13527, subsection 2, or is by sale or otherwise,  
27 11 the lessor may recover from the lessee as damages for a  
27 12 default of the type described in section 554.13523, subsection  
27 13 1, or section 554.13523, subsection 3, paragraph "a", or, if  
27 14 agreed, for other default of the lessee, (i) accrued and  
27 15 unpaid rent as of the date of default if the lessee has never  
27 16 taken possession of the goods, or, if the lessee has taken  
27 17 possession of the goods, as of the date the lessor repossesses  
27 18 the goods or an earlier date on which the lessee makes a  
27 19 tender of the goods to the lessor, (ii) the present value as  
27 20 of the date determined under clause (i) of the total rent for  
27 21 the then remaining lease term of the original lease agreement  
27 22 minus the present value as of the same date of the market rent  
27 23 at the place where the goods are located computed for the same  
27 24 lease term, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under  
27 25 section 554.13530, less expenses saved in consequence of the  
27 26 lessee's default.

#### 27 27 PART I

#### 27 28 PROVISIONS OUTSIDE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

27 29 Sec. 40. Section 3.3, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
27 30 follows:

#### 27 31 3.3 HEADNOTES AND HISTORICAL REFERENCES.

27 32 Proper headnotes may be placed at the beginning of a  
27 33 section of a bill or a Code section, and at the end of a Code

27 34 section there may be placed a reference to the section number  
27 35 of the Code, or any Iowa Act from which the matter of the Code  
28 1 section was taken. However, except as provided ~~in for~~ the  
28 2 uniform commercial code, pursuant to section 554.1109  
28 3 554.1107, neither said headnotes nor said historical shall not  
28 4 be considered as part of the law as enacted. Historical  
28 5 references shall be considered as a part of the law as  
28 6 enacted.

28 7 Sec. 41. Section 537.3603, subsection 6, Code 2007, is  
28 8 amended to read as follows:

28 9 6. A lease or agreement which constitutes a security  
28 10 interest as defined in section 554.1201, subsection 37 2.

28 11 Sec. 42. Section 554D.104, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
28 12 2007, is amended to read as follows:

28 13 b. Chapter 554 other than articles 2 and 13 and ~~sections~~  
28 14 ~~554.1107 and 554.1206~~ section 554.1306.

28 15 DIVISION III  
28 16 CONTINGENT PROVISIONS

28 17 Sec. 43. Section 554.1201, subsections 5, 6, 14, 15, 20,  
28 18 and 45, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:

28 19 5- e. "Bearer" means ~~the a person in control of a~~  
28 20 ~~negotiable electronic document of title or a person in~~  
28 21 ~~possession of an a negotiable instrument, negotiable tangible~~  
28 22 ~~document of title, or certificated security that is payable to~~  
28 23 ~~bearer or endorsed indorsed in blank.~~

28 24 6- f. "Bill of lading" means a document of title  
28 25 evidencing the receipt of goods for shipment issued by a  
28 26 person engaged in the business of directly or indirectly  
28 27 transporting or forwarding goods, and includes an airbill.  
28 28 ~~"Airbill" means a document serving for air transportation as a~~  
28 29 ~~bill of lading does for marine or rail transportation, and~~  
28 30 ~~includes an air consignment note or air waybill. The term~~  
28 31 ~~does not include a warehouse receipt.~~

28 32 14- o. "Delivery", with respect to instruments an  
28 33 electronic document of title means voluntary transfer of  
28 34 control and with respect to an instrument, documents a  
28 35 tangible document of title, or chattel paper, or certificated  
29 1 securities means voluntary transfer of possession.

29 2 15- p. "Document of title" ~~includes bill of lading, dock~~  
29 3 ~~warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt or order for the~~  
29 4 ~~delivery of goods, and also any other document which means a~~  
29 5 ~~record (i) that in the regular course of business or financing~~  
29 6 ~~is treated as adequately evidencing that the person in~~  
29 7 ~~possession or control of it the record is entitled to receive,~~  
29 8 ~~control, hold, and dispose of the document record and the~~  
29 9 ~~goods it the record covers and (ii) that purports to be issued~~  
29 10 ~~by or addressed to a bailee and to cover goods in the bailee's~~  
29 11 ~~possession which are either identified or are fungible~~  
29 12 ~~portions of an identified mass. The term includes a bill of~~  
29 13 ~~lading, transport document, dock warrant, dock receipt,~~  
29 14 ~~warehouse receipt, and order for delivery of goods. To be a~~  
29 15 ~~document of title a document must purport to be issued by or~~  
29 16 ~~addressed to a bailee and purport to cover goods in the~~  
29 17 ~~bailee's possession which are either identified or are~~  
29 18 ~~fungible portions of an identified mass. An electronic~~  
29 19 ~~document of title means a document of title evidenced by a~~  
29 20 ~~record consisting of information stored in an electronic~~  
29 21 ~~medium. A tangible document of title means a document of~~  
29 22 ~~title evidenced by a record consisting of information that is~~  
29 23 ~~inscribed on a tangible medium.~~

29 24 20- u. "Holder", with respect to a negotiable instrument,  
29 25 means:

29 26 (1) the person in possession ~~if the of a negotiable~~  
29 27 ~~instrument that is payable either to bearer or, in the case of~~  
29 28 ~~an instrument payable to an identified person, if the~~  
29 29 ~~identified that is the person is in possession-;~~

29 30 (2) "Holder" with respect to a document of title means the  
29 31 person in possession of a negotiable tangible document of  
29 32 title if the goods are deliverable either to bearer or to the  
29 33 order of the person in possession-; or

29 34 (3) the person in control of a negotiable electronic  
29 35 document of title.

30 1 45- ap. "Warehouse receipt" means a receipt document of  
30 2 title issued by a person engaged in the business of storing  
30 3 goods for hire.

30 4 Sec. 44. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

30 5 1. If the House File successor to House Study Bill 140, or  
30 6 a Senate File companion to the House File, which revises  
30 7 chapter 554, article 7, of the uniform commercial code, is  
30 8 enacted in the 2007 Regular Session, notwithstanding section  
30 9 4.8, all of the following apply:

30 10 a. The amendments to section 554.1201, subsections 5, 6,  
30 11 14, 15, 20, and 45, Code 2007, as enacted in this division of  
30 12 this Act, prevail over conflicting amendments to section  
30 13 554.1201, subsections 5, 6, 14, 15, 20, and 45, Code 2007, as  
30 14 enacted in division I of this Act.

30 15 b. The amendments to section 554.1201, subsections 25, 26,  
30 16 and 27, as enacted in division I of this Act, prevail over  
30 17 conflicting amendments to section 554.1201, subsections 25,  
30 18 26, and 27, Code 2007, as enacted in the House File successor  
30 19 to House Study Bill 140, or a Senate File companion to the  
30 20 House File.

30 21 c. The amendments to section 554.1201, subsections 5, 6,  
30 22 14, 15, 20, and 45, Code 2007, as enacted in this division of  
30 23 this Act, prevail over conflicting amendments to section  
30 24 554.1201, subsections 5, 6, 14, 15, 20, and 45, Code 2007, as  
30 25 enacted in the House File successor to House Study Bill 140,  
30 26 or a Senate File companion to the House File.

30 27 2. If the House File successor to House Study Bill 140, or  
30 28 a Senate File companion to the House File, which revises  
30 29 chapter 554, article 7, of the uniform commercial code, is not  
30 30 enacted in the 2007 Regular Session, notwithstanding section  
30 31 4.8, the amendments to section 554.1201, subsections 5, 6, 14,  
30 32 15, 20, and 45, Code 2007, as enacted in division I of this  
30 33 Act, prevail over conflicting amendments to section 554.1201,  
30 34 subsections 5, 6, 14, 15, 20, and 45, Code 2007, as enacted in  
30 35 this division of this Act.

#### 31 1 DIVISION IV

#### 31 2 TRANSFERS AND RECODIFICATIONS

31 3 Sec. 45. Section 554.1105, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 4 section 554.1301.

31 5 Sec. 46. Section 554.1106, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 6 section 554.1305.

31 7 Sec. 47. Section 554.1107, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 8 section 554.1306.

31 9 Sec. 48. Section 554.1108, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 10 section 554.1105.

31 11 Sec. 49. Section 554.1109, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 12 section 554.1107.

31 13 Sec. 50. Section 554.1202, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 14 section 554.1307.

31 15 Sec. 51. Section 554.1203, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 16 section 554.1304.

31 17 Sec. 52. Section 554.1204, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 18 section 554.1205.

31 19 Sec. 53. Section 554.1205, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 20 section 554.1303.

31 21 Sec. 54. Section 554.1207, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 22 section 554.1308.

31 23 Sec. 55. Section 554.1208, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 24 section 554.1309.

31 25 Sec. 56. Section 554.1209, Code 2007, is transferred to  
31 26 section 554.1310.

31 27 Sec. 57. CODIFICATION.

31 28 1. The Code editor shall codify the following new Code  
31 29 sections, as enacted in this Act, into the following Code  
31 30 sections, which existed immediately prior to the effective  
31 31 date of this Act and which are repealed or transferred  
31 32 elsewhere by this Act:

31 33 a. Section 554.1102A to section 554.1102 following its  
31 34 repeal in this Act.

31 35 b. Section 554.1106A to section 554.1106 following its  
32 1 transfer in this Act.

32 2 c. Section 554.1108A to section 554.1108 following its  
32 3 transfer in this Act.

32 4 d. Section 554.1202A to section 554.1202 following its  
32 5 transfer in this Act.

32 6 e. Section 554.1203A to section 554.1203 following its  
32 7 transfer in this Act.

32 8 f. Section 554.1204A to section 554.1204 following its  
32 9 transfer in this Act.

32 10 g. Section 554.1206A to section 554.1206 following its  
32 11 transfer in this Act.

32 12 2. The Code editor may transfer section 554.1110 to  
32 13 section 554.1110A.

#### 32 14 DIVISION V

#### 32 15 REPEALS

32 16 Sec. 58. Section 554.1102, Code 2007, is repealed.

32 17 Sec. 59. Section 554.1206, Code 2007, is repealed.

32 18 Sec. 60. Section 554.2208, Code 2007, is repealed.

32 19 Sec. 61. Section 554.13207, Code 2007, is repealed.

#### 32 20 EXPLANATION

32 21 This bill amends Article 1 of the Uniform Commercial Code  
32 22 (UCC) codified as Code chapter 554. The Article contains  
32 23 general provisions such as definitions and rules of  
32 24 construction and applicability that govern the Code chapter,  
32 25 unless otherwise excluded in the Article or another Article.  
32 26 The bill is based on recommendations by the national  
32 27 conference of commissioners on uniform state laws and the  
32 28 American law institute.

32 29 The bill addresses almost every section of Article 1, in  
32 30 many cases, to make corrections in terminology and to combine  
32 31 and transfer sections as part of a comprehensive  
32 32 reorganization of the Code chapter. Under the new  
32 33 organizational scheme, the Article is divided into three  
32 34 parts.

32 35 Part 1 contains general provisions relating to the short  
33 1 titles for the Uniform Commercial Code and the Article, the  
33 2 scope of the Article, the construction of the UCC and its  
33 3 applicability, statutory construction against implied repeals,  
33 4 severability, and references to singular and plural language  
33 5 and gender language. A new section provides for electronic  
33 6 signatures under federal law.

33 7 Part 2 provides general definitions and principles of  
33 8 interpretation. For example, the bill amends the definition  
33 9 of "good faith" and makes the term universally applicable  
33 10 throughout the UCC with the exception of Article 5 (governing  
33 11 letters of credit). The old definition referred to honesty in  
33 12 fact in the conduct or transaction concerned. The bill amends  
33 13 the provision to require both honesty in fact and the  
33 14 observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.  
33 15 There are new sections providing for fair notice of facts and  
33 16 construing knowledge, methods to distinguish leases (see  
33 17 Article 13) from security interests (see Article 9),  
33 18 determination of value, and creating a presumption for a trier  
33 19 of fact. An existing provision is amended which provides for  
33 20 determining reasonableness of time before taking action.

33 21 Part 3 includes a new provision for determining territorial  
33 22 applicability and the power to choose applicable law. Other  
33 23 provisions govern how an agreement may vary the application of  
33 24 the Code chapter. The bill amends provisions which provide  
33 25 for course of dealings and usage of trade. It provides that  
33 26 course of performance may be used to determine the scope and  
33 27 terms of agreements, and eliminates provisions in Article 2  
33 28 (governing sales) and Article 13 (governing leases) relating  
33 29 to the same issue. The bill amends and transfers a number of  
33 30 other provisions currently located in other parts of the  
33 31 Article, including provisions relating to obligations of good  
33 32 faith, the liberal administration of remedies, the right to  
33 33 waive or renounce a claim or right following a breach, the use  
33 34 of third-party documents as evidence in court, the reservation  
33 35 of rights, the option of a party to accelerate performance,  
34 1 and the subordination of obligations.

34 2 The bill includes alternative provisions amending  
34 3 definitional provisions in Article 1 which will take effect  
34 4 depending on whether the general assembly enacts a bill which  
34 5 adopts revisions to UCC Article 7 providing for records  
34 6 relating to warehouse documents and documents of title.

34 7 Internal references in the bill use the Code section  
34 8 numbers which will be assigned when the bill's provisions are  
34 9 codified in the 2007 Code Supplement.

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