House File 133 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 32)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to refund payments made in connection with
- 2 motor vehicle debt cancellation coverage.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

H.F. 133

- 1 Section 1. Section 537.2510, Code 2023, is amended by adding 2 the following new subsection:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. Notwithstanding any provision of
- 4 this chapter to the contrary or an agreement between a motor
- 5 vehicle dealer licensed pursuant to section 322.4 and the
- 6 consumer, if the creditor is a financial institution as defined
- 7 in the Iowa consumer credit code, chapter 537, or the federal
- 8 Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, 15 U.S.C. §6801 et seq., who
- 9 has purchased a retail installment contract as defined in
- 10 section 322.2, subsection 22, with voluntary debt cancellation
- 11 coverage, the only obligation of the creditor upon prepayment
- 12 in full shall be to notify the motor vehicle dealer within
- 13 thirty days of the prepayment. The motor vehicle dealer shall
- 14 promptly determine whether the consumer is eligible for a
- 15 refund of any voluntary debt cancellation coverage and shall
- 16 issue any refund required directly to the consumer within sixty
- 17 days of the dealer's receipt of notice of the prepayment from
- 18 the creditor.
- 19 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 22 This bill relates to motor vehicle debt cancellation
- 23 coverage refunds.
- 24 The bill provides that the only obligation that a financial
- 25 institution which purchases retail installment contracts with
- 26 voluntary debt cancellation coverage has upon prepayment in
- 27 full is to notify the relevant motor vehicle dealer within 30
- 28 days of a payment in full of an installment contract. The
- 29 dealer shall determine whether the consumer is entitled to a
- 30 refund of voluntary debt cancellation coverage and issue the
- 31 refund within 60 days of notice.