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SENATE FILE BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3279) (AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 22, 2008) =New Language by the Senate Vote: Ayes _____ Nays ____ Vote: Ayes ____ Nays ____ Nays ____ Nays ____ Nays ___ Na A BILL FOR 1 An Act relating to the collection of delinquent debt owed the state and political subdivisions of the state by requiring offsets of gambling winnings, sanctioning of professional licenses, modifying provisions related to county attorney collections, writing off certain delinquent court debt, 5 6 modifying provisions relating to the deposit of certain funds in the jury and witness fee fund, and making penalties 8 applicable. 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 10 SF 2428 11 jm/ml/12 PAG LIN DIVISION I GAMBLING SETOFF Section 1. Section 99D.2, Code 2007, is amended by adding 1 4 the following new subsection:
1 5 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "Claimant agency" means a state
1 6 agency as defined in section 8A.504, subsection 1, or the
1 7 state court administrator as defined in section 602.1101. Sec. 2. Section 99D.7, Code 2007, is amended by adding the 1 9 following new subsection: 1 10 NEW SUBSECTION. 22A. To require licensees to establish a 1 11 process with the state for licensees to have electronic access 1 12 to names and social security numbers of debtors of claimant 1 13 agencies through a secured interactive web site maintained by 1 14 the state. Sec. 3. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 99D.28 SETOFF.

1. A licensee or a person acting on behalf of a licensee 1 15 1 16 1 17 shall be provided electronic access to the names of the 1 18 persons indebted to a claimant agency pursuant to the process 1 19 established pursuant to section 99D.7, subsection 22A. The 1 20 electronic access provided by the claimant agency shall 1 21 include access to the names of the debtors, their social 1 22 security numbers, and any other information that assists the 1 23 licensee in identifying the debtors. If the name of a debtor 1 24 provided to the licensee through electronic access is 25 retrieved by the licensee, and the winnings are equal to or 26 greater than ten thousand dollars per occurrence, the 1 27 retrieval of such a name shall constitute a valid lien upon 1 28 and claim of lien against the winnings of the debtor whose 29 name is electronically retrieved from the claimant agency. 1 30 a debtor's winnings are equal to or greater than ten thousand 1 31 dollars per occurrence, the full amount of the debt shall be 32 collectible from any winnings due the debtor without regard to 1 33 limitations on the amounts that may be collectible in 34 increments through setoff or other proceedings. 1 2. The licensee is authorized and directed to withhold any 1 winnings of a debtor which are paid out directly by the 35 2 licensee subject to the lien created by this section and 3 provide notice of such withholding to the winner when the 4 winner appears and claims winnings in person. The licensee 2 5 shall pay the funds over to the collection entity which 6 administers the setoff program pursuant to section 8A.504.
7 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 8 contrary, the licensee may provide to a claimant agency all

2 9 information necessary to accomplish and effectuate the intent 2 10 of this section, and likewise the claimant agency may provide

2 11 all information necessary to accomplish and effectuate the 2 12 intent of this section.

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- The information obtained by a claimant agency from the 4. 2 14 licensee in accordance with this section shall retain its 2 15 confidentiality and shall only be used by a claimant agency in 2 16 the pursuit of its debt collection duties and practices. An 17 employee or prior employee of a claimant agency who unlawfully 18 discloses any such information for any other purpose, except 2 19 as otherwise specifically authorized by law, shall be subject 20 to the penalties specified by law for unauthorized disclosure 21 of confidential information by an agent or employee of the 2 22 claimant agency.
 - 5. The information obtained by a licensee from a claimant 24 agency in accordance with this section shall retain its 25 confidentiality and only be used by the licensee in the 26 pursuit of debt collection duties and practices. An employee 27 or prior employee of a licensee who unlawfully discloses any 28 such information for any other purpose, except as otherwise 29 specifically authorized by law, shall be subject to the same 30 penalties specified by law for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information by an agent or employee of the 32 licensee.
 - 6. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, 34 attachments, setoffs, or executions authorized and issued 35 pursuant to law shall be withheld if timely served upon the
 - A claimant agency or licensee, acting in good faith, shall not be liable for actions taken to comply with this 4 section.
 - Sec. 4. Section 99F.1, Code Supplement 2007, is amended by
 - adding the following new subsection:

 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "Claimant agency" means a state agency as defined in section 8A.504, subsection 1, or the state court administrator as defined in section 602.1101.
 - Section 99F.4, Code Supplement 2007, is amended by Sec. 5.
- 11 adding the following new subsection:
 12 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. To require licensees to establish a 13 process with the state for licensees to have electronic access 3 14 to names and social security numbers of debtors of claimant 3 15 agencies through a secured interactive web site maintained by 16 the state.
 - Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 99F.19 SETOFF.
- A licensee or a person acting on behalf of a licensee 19 shall be provided electronic access to the names of the 20 persons indebted to a claimant agency pursuant to the process 3 21 established pursuant to section 99F.4, subsection 26. 22 electronic access provided by the claimant agency shall 23 include access to the names of the debtors, their social 24 security numbers, and any other information that assists the 25 licensee in identifying the debtors. If the name of a debtor 26 provided to the licensee through electronic access is 27 retrieved by the licensee, and the winnings are equal to or 28 greater than ten thousand dollars per occurrence, the 29 retrieval of such a name shall constitute a valid lien upon 30 and claim of lien against the winnings of the debtor whose 31 name is electronically retrieved from the claimant agency. 32 a debtor's winnings are equal to or greater than ten thousand 33 dollars per occurrence, the full amount of the debt shall be 34 collectible from any winnings due the debtor without regard to 35 limitations on the amounts that may be collectible in increments through setoff or other proceedings.
 - 2. The licensee is authorized and directed to withhold any winnings of a debtor which are paid out directly by the 4 licensee subject to the lien created by this section and 5 provide notice of such withholding to the winner when the 6 winner appears and claims winnings in person. The licensee shall pay the funds over to the collection entity which 8 administers the setoff program pursuant to section 8A.504.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 10 contrary, the licensee may provide to a claimant agency all 11 information necessary to accomplish and effectuate the intent 12 of this section, and likewise the claimant agency may provide 4 13 all information necessary to accomplish and effectuate the 4 14 intent of this section.
- 4. The information obtained by a claimant agency from the 16 licensee in accordance with this section shall retain its 17 confidentiality and shall only be used by a claimant agency in 4 18 the pursuit of its debt collection duties and practices. An 4 19 employee or prior employee of a claimant agency who unlawfully 4 20 discloses any such information for any other purpose, except 4 21 as otherwise specifically authorized by law, shall be subject

4 22 to the penalties specified by law for unauthorized disclosure 4 23 of confidential information by an agent or employee of the 4 24 claimant agency.

- 5. The information obtained by a licensee from a claimant 4 26 agency in accordance with this section shall retain its 27 confidentiality and only be used by the licensee in the 28 pursuit of debt collection duties and practices. An employee 29 or prior employee of a licensee who unlawfully discloses any 30 such information for any other purpose, except as otherwise 31 specifically authorized by law, shall be subject to the same 32 penalties specified by law for unauthorized disclosure of 33 confidential information by an agent or employee of the 34 licensee.
 - 6. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, 1 attachments, setoffs, or executions authorized and issued 2 pursuant to law shall be withheld if timely served upon the licensee.
 - 7. A claimant agency or licensee, acting in good faith, 5 shall not be liable for actions taken to comply with this 6 section.

DIVISION II LICENSING SANCTIONS

Sec. 7. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 272D.1 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise

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"Certificate of noncompliance" means a document 13 provided by the unit certifying the named person has 5 14 outstanding liability placed with the unit and has not entered 5 15 into an approved payment plan to pay the liability.

"Liability" means a debt or obligation placed with the 17 unit for collection that is greater than one thousand dollars.
18 For purposes of this chapter "liability" does not include

19 support payments collected pursuant to chapter 252J.

- 20 3. "License" means a license, certification, registration, 21 permit, approval, renewal, or other similar authorization 22 issued to a person by a licensing authority which evidences 23 the admission to, or granting of authority to engage in, a 24 profession, occupation, business, industry, or recreation. 25 "License" includes licenses for hunting and fishing, or other 25 26 recreational activity.
- 4. "Licensee" means a person to whom a license has been sissued, or who is seeking the issuance of a license.

 29 5. "Licensing authority" means the supreme court, or an
- 30 instrumentality, agency, board, commission, department, 31 officer, organization, or any other entity of the state, which 32 has authority within this state to suspend or revoke a license 33 or to deny the renewal or issuance of a license authorizing a 34 person to engage in a business, occupation, profession, 35 recreation, or industry.
 - 6. "Obligor" means a person with a liability placed with the unit.
 - "Person" means a licensee.
 - "Unit" means the centralized collection unit of the 5 department of revenue.
- 9. "Withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance" means a document provided by the unit certifying that the certificate 8 of noncompliance is withdrawn and that the licensing authority 9 may proceed with issuance, reinstatement, or renewal of the 10 person's license.
 - Sec. 8. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 272D.2 PURPOSE AND USE.
- 1. Notwithstanding other statutory provisions to the 13 contrary, the unit may utilize the process established in this 6 14 chapter to collect liabilities placed with the unit.
- 2. Actions initiated by the unit under this chapter shall 16 not be subject to contested case proceedings or further review 17 pursuant to chapter 17A and any resulting court hearing shall 6 17 6 18 be an original hearing before the district court.
 - 3. Notwithstanding chapter 22, all of the following apply: a. Information obtained by the unit under this chapter
 - shall be used solely for the purposes of this chapter.
 - b. Information obtained by a licensing authority under 2.2 23 this chapter shall be used solely for the purposes of this 24 chapter.
 - 4. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, 26 information shall be exchanged by a licensing authority and 27 the unit to effectuate this chapter.
 - 272D.3 NOTICE TO PERSON OF NEW SECTION. 29 POTENTIAL SANCTION OF LICENSE.

6 6 The unit shall proceed in accordance with this chapter only if the unit sends a notice to the person by regular mail to 6 32 the last known address of the person. The notice shall

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1. The address and telephone number of the unit and the 6 35 person's unit account number.

2. A statement that the person may request a conference with the unit to contest the action.

- 3. A statement that if, within twenty days of mailing of 4 the notice to the person, the person fails to contact the unit 5 to schedule a conference, the unit shall issue a certificate 6 of noncompliance, bearing the person's name, social security number, and unit account number, to any appropriate licensing 8 authority, certifying that the obligor has an outstanding 9 liability placed with the unit.
- 10 4. A statement that in order to stay the issuance of a 11 certificate of noncompliance the request for a conference 12 shall be in writing and shall be received by the unit within 7 10 7 13 twenty days of mailing of the notice to the person.
 7 14 5. The names of the licensing authorities to which the

unit intends to issue a certificate of noncompliance.

7 15 6. A statement that if the unit issues a certificate of 7 17 noncompliance to an appropriate licensing authority, the 7 18 licensing authority shall initiate proceedings to refuse to 7 19 issue or renew, or to suspend or revoke the person's license, 7 20 unless the unit provides the licensing authority with a

- 21 withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance.
 22 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 272D.4 CONFERENCE.
 23 1. The person may schedule a conference with the unit 24 following mailing of the notice pursuant to section 272D.3, or 25 at any time after service of notice of suspension, revocation, 26 denial of issuance, or nonrenewal of a license from a 27 licensing authority, to challenge the unit's actions under 28 this chapter.
- The request for a conference shall be made to the unit, 30 in writing, and, if requested after mailing of the notice 31 pursuant to section 272D.3, shall be received by the unit 32 within twenty days following mailing of the notice.
- 3. The unit shall notify the person of the date, time, and 34 location of the conference by regular mail, with the date of 35 the conference to be no earlier than ten days following 1 issuance of notice of the conference by the unit. If the 2 person fails to appear at the conference, the unit shall issue
- 3 a certificate of noncompliance.
 4 4. Following the conference, the unit shall issue a 5 certificate of noncompliance unless any of the following 6 applies:
 - The unit finds a mistake in the identity of the person. a.
 - The unit finds a mistake in determining the amount of b. the liability.
- c. The unit determines the amount of the liability is not greater than one thousand dollars. 11
 - d. The obligor enters into an acceptable payment plan.
- Issuance of a certificate of noncompliance is not 14 appropriate under other criteria established in accordance 8 15 with rules adopted by the department of revenue pursuant to 8 16 chapter 17A.
- The unit shall grant the person a stay of the issuance 5. 8 18 of a certificate of noncompliance upon receiving a timely 8 19 written request for a conference, and if a certificate of 20 noncompliance has previously been issued, shall issue a 21 withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance if the obligor 22 enters into a written agreement with the unit to pay the 8 23 liability.
 - 6. If the person does not timely request a conference or 25 does not pay the total amount of liability owed within twenty 26 days of mailing of the notice pursuant to section 272D.3, the 27 unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance. 28 Sec. 11. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 272D.5 WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

- Sec. 11. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 272D.5 WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

 1. The obligor and the unit may enter into a written 2.9 30 agreement for payment of the liability owed which takes into consideration the obligor's ability to pay and other criteria 32 established by rule of the department of revenue. The written 33 agreement shall include all of the following:
- a. The method, amount, and dates of payments by the 35 obligor.
 - b. A statement that upon breach of the written agreement 2 by the obligor, the unit shall issue a certificate of 3 noncompliance to any appropriate licensing authority.
 - 2. A written agreement entered into pursuant to this section does not preclude any other remedy provided by law.
 - 3. Following issuance of a certificate of noncompliance, if the obligor enters into a written agreement with the unit, 8 the unit shall issue a withdrawal of the certificate of

noncompliance to any appropriate licensing authority and shall 9 10 forward a copy of the withdrawal by regular mail to the 9 11 obligor.

- Sec. 12. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 272D.6 DECISION OF THE UNIT. 1. If the unit mails a notice to a person pursuant to 9 13 9 14 section 272D.3, and the person requests a conference pursuant 15 to section 272D.4, the unit shall issue a written decision if 9 16 any of the following conditions exist:
 - The person fails to appear at a scheduled conference 18 under section 272D.4.
 - A conference is held under section 272D.4.

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- The obligor fails to comply with a written agreement entered into by the obligor and the unit under section 272D.5.
- 9 21 22 2. The unit shall send a copy of the written decision to 23 the person by regular mail at the person's most recent address 24 of record. If the decision is made to issue a certificate of 25 noncompliance or to withdraw the certificate of noncompliance, 26 a copy of the certificate of noncompliance or of the 27 withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance shall be 28 attached to the written decision. The written decision shall 29 state all of the following:
 - a. That the certificate of noncompliance or withdrawal of 31 the certificate of noncompliance has been provided to the 32 licensing authorities named in the notice provided pursuant to 33 section 272D.3.
 - That upon receipt of a certificate of noncompliance, b. 35 the licensing authority shall initiate proceedings to suspend, revoke, deny issuance, or deny renewal of a license, unless the licensing authority is provided with a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance from the unit.
 - 4 c. That in order to obtain a withdrawal of a certificate 5 of noncompliance from the unit, the obligor shall enter into a written agreement with the unit, comply with an existing written agreement with the unit, or pay the total amount of liability owed.
- d. That if the unit issues a written decision which 10 10 includes a certificate of noncompliance, the person may 10 11 request a hearing as provided in section 272D.9, before the 10 12 district court. The person may retain an attorney at the 10 13 person's own expense to represent the person at the hearing. 10 14 The review of the district court shall be limited to 10 15 demonstration of a mistake of fact related to the amount of 10 16 the liability owed or the identity of the person.
- 3. If the unit issues a certificate of noncompliance, the 10 18 unit shall only issue a withdrawal of the certificate of 10 19 noncompliance if any of the following applies:
 - a. The unit or the court finds a mistake in the identity of the person.
 - b. The unit or the court finds a mistake in the amount owed.
- The obligor enters into a written agreement with the C. unit to pay the liability owed, the obligor complies with an 10 25 10 26 existing written agreement, or the obligor pays the total amount of liability owed. 10 27
- Issuance of a withdrawal of the certificate of 10 29 noncompliance is appropriate under other criteria in 10 30 accordance with rules adopted by the department of revenue 10 31

pursuant to chapter 17A.

Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 272D.7 CERTIFICATE OF

NONCOMPLIANCE == CERTIFICATION TO LICENSING AUTHORITY. 10 33

- 1. If a person fails to respond to a notice of potential 10 35 license sanction provided pursuant to section 272D.3 or the unit issues a written decision under section 272D.6 which states that the person is not in compliance, the unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance to any appropriate licensing authority.
 - 2. The certificate of noncompliance shall contain the person's name and social security number.
 - The certificate of noncompliance shall require all of the following:
- a. That the licensing authority initiate procedures for 11 10 the revocation or suspension of the person's license, or for the denial of the issuance or renewal of a license using the 11 11 licensing authority's procedures.
- 11 12 11 13 b. That the licensing authority provide notice to the 11 14 person, as provided in section 272D.8, of the intent to 11 15 suspend, revoke, deny issuance, or deny renewal of a license 11 16 including the effective date of the action. The suspension, 11 17 revocation, or denial shall be effective no sooner than thirty 11 18 days following provision of notice to the person.

Sec. 14. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 272D.8 REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

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11 21 1. A licensing authority shall maintain records of 11 22 licensees by name, current known address, and social security 11 23 number. The records shall be made available to the unit in an 11 24 electronic format in order for the unit to match the names of 11 25 the persons with any liability placed with the unit for 11 26 collection.

In addition to other grounds for suspension 2. 11 28 revocation, or denial of issuance or renewal of a license, a 11 29 licensing authority shall include in rules adopted by the 11 30 licensing authority as grounds for suspension, revocation, or 11 31 denial of issuance or renewal of a license, the receipt of a 11 32 certificate of noncompliance from the unit.

3. The supreme court shall prescribe rules for admission 34 of persons to practice as attorneys and counselors pursuant to 11 35 chapter 602, article 10, which include provisions, as 1 specified in this chapter, for the denial, suspension, 2 revocation of the admission for failure to pay a liability 3 placed with the unit.

4. a. A licensing authority that is issued a certificate 5 of noncompliance shall initiate procedures for the suspension, 6 revocation, or denial of issuance or renewal of licensure to a person. The licensing authority shall utilize existing rules 8 and procedures for suspension, revocation, or denial of the issuance or renewal of a license.

b. In addition, the licensing authority shall provide 12 11 notice to the person of the licensing authority's intent to 12 12 suspend, revoke, or deny issuance or renewal of a license 12 13 under this chapter. The suspension, revocation, or denial 12 14 shall be effective no sooner than thirty days following 12 15 provision of notice to the person. The notice shall state all 12 16 of the following:

(1) The licensing authority intends to suspend, revoke, or 12 18 deny issuance or renewal of a person's license due to the 12 19 receipt of a certificate of noncompliance from the unit.

(2) The person must contact the unit to schedule a 12 21 conference or to otherwise obtain a withdrawal of a 12 22 certificate of noncompliance.

(3) Unless the unit furnishes a withdrawal of a 12 24 certificate of noncompliance to the licensing authority within 12 25 thirty days of the issuance of the notice under this section, the person's license will be revoked, suspended, or denied.

(4) If the licensing authority's rules and procedures 12 28 conflict with the additional requirements of this section, the 12 29 requirements of this section shall apply. Notwithstanding 12 30 section 17A.18, the person does not have a right to a hearing 12 31 before the licensing authority to contest the authority's 12 32 actions under this chapter but may request a court hearing 12 33 pursuant to section 272D.9 within thirty days of the provision 12 34 of notice under this section.

5. If the licensing authority receives a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance from the unit, the licensing 2 authority shall immediately reinstate, renew, or issue a 3 license if the person is otherwise in compliance with 4 licensing requirements established by the licensing authority. Sec. 15. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 272D.9 DISTRICT COURT HEARING.

Following the issuance of a written decision by the unit under section 272D.6 which includes the issuance of a certificate of noncompliance, or following provision of notice to the person by a licensing authority pursuant to section 272D.8, a person may seek review of the decision and request a 13 10 13 11 hearing before the district court by filing an application 13 12 with the district court in the county where the majority of 13 13 the liability was incurred, and sending a copy of the

13 14 application to the unit by regular mail.
13 15 2. An application shall be filed to seek review of the 13 16 decision by the unit or following issuance of notice by the 13 17 licensing authority no later than within thirty days after the 13 18 issuance of the notice pursuant to section 272D.8. The clerk 13 19 of the district court shall schedule a hearing and mail a copy 13 20 of the order scheduling the hearing to the person and the unit 13 21 and shall also mail a copy of the order to the licensing 13 22 authority, if applicable. The unit shall certify a copy of 13 23 its written decision and certificate of noncompliance, 13 24 indicating the date of issuance, and the licensing authority 13 25 shall certify a copy of a notice issued pursuant to section

13 26 272D.8, to the court prior to the hearing.
13 27 3. The filing of an application pursuant to this section 13 28 shall automatically stay the actions of a licensing authority 13 29 pursuant to section 272D.8. The hearing on the application 13 30 shall be scheduled and held within thirty days of the filing

13 31 of the application. However, if the person fails to appear at 13 32 the scheduled hearing, the stay shall be lifted and the 13 33 licensing authority shall continue procedures pursuant to 13 34 section 272D.8. 13 35 4. The scope of review by the district court shall be 14 limited to demonstration of the amount of the liability owed 14 2 or the identity of the person. 14

If the court finds that the unit was in error in issuing a certificate of noncompliance, or in failing to issue a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance, the unit shall

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DIVISION III COLLECTION OF DEBT

Sec. 16. Section 96.11, subsection 6, paragraph b, subparagraph (3), Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Information obtained from an employing unit or 14 14 individual in the course of administering this chapter and an 14 15 initial determination made by a representative of the 14 16 department under section 96.6, subsection 2, as to benefit 14 17 rights of an individual shall not be used in any action or 14 18 proceeding, except in a contested case proceeding or judicial 14 19 review under chapter 17A. However, the department shall make 14 20 information, which is obtained from an employing unit or 14 21 individual in the course of administering this chapter and 14 22 which relates to the employment and wage history of the 14 23 individual, available to a county attorney for the county 14 24 attorney's use in the performance of duties under section 14 25 331.756, subsection 5, or section 602.8107. The department 14 26 shall make such information electronically accessible to the 14 27 county attorney at the county attorney's office, if requested,

14 28 provided the county attorney's office pays the cost of the

14 29 installation of the equipment to provide such access.
14 30 Information in the department's possession which may affect a 14 31 claim for benefits or a change in an employer's rating account 14 32 shall be made available to the interested parties. 14 33 information may be used by the interested parties in a 14 34 proceeding under this chapter to the extent necessary for the

14 35 proper presentation or defense of a claim. 321.11A PERSONAL INFORMATION

Sec. 17. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. DISCLOSURE == EXCEPTION.

- 1. Notwithstanding section 321.11, the department, upon 4 request, shall provide personal information that identifies a person by the social security number of the person to the following:
 - a. The department of revenue for the purpose of collecting debt.
 - The judicial branch for the purpose of collecting court debt pursuant to section 602.8107.
- c. The department of administrative services for the 15 12 purpose of administering the setoff program pursuant to 15 13 section 8A.504.
- 15 14 2. The social security number obtained by the department 15 15 of revenue or the judicial branch shall retain its 15 16 confidentiality and shall only be used for the purposes 15 17 provided in this section.

15 18 Sec. 18. Section 321.40, Code Supplement 2007, is amended 15 19 by adding the following new subsection:

15 20 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. a. The clerk of the district court 15 21 shall notify the county treasurer of any delinquent court 15 22 debt, as defined in section 602.8107, which is being collected 15 23 by the county attorney pursuant to section 602.8107, 15 24 subsection 4. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew the 15 25 vehicle registration of the applicant upon such notification 15 26 from the clerk of the district court in regard to such

applicant. 15 27 15 28 b. If the applicant enters into or renews a payment plan 15 29 that is satisfactory to the county attorney or the county 15 30 attorney's designee, the county attorney shall provide the 15 31 county treasurer with written or electronic notice of the 15 32 payment plan within five days of entering into such a plan. 15 33 The county treasurer shall temporarily lift the registration 15 34 hold on an applicant for a period of ten days if the treasurer 15 35 receives such notice in order to allow the applicant to If the applicant remains register a vehicle for the year. 2 current with the payment plan entered into with the county 3 attorney or the county attorney's designee, subsequent lifts of registration holds shall be granted without additional 5 restrictions.

Sec. 19. Section 321.210A, subsection 2, Code Supplement

7 2007, is amended to read as follows: 16 8 2. If after suspension, the person enters into an 16 9 installment agreement with the county attorney, the county 16 10 attorney's designee, or the centralized collection unit of the 11 department of revenue in accordance with section 321.210B to 16 12 pay the fine, penalty, court cost, or surcharge, the person's 16 13 license shall be reinstated by the department upon receipt of 16 14 a report of an executed installment agreement. Sec. 20. Section 321.210A, Code Supplement 2007, is 16 16 amended by adding the following new subsection: 16 17 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 3. If the county attorney or the county 16 18 attorney's designee, while collecting delinquent court debt 16 19 pursuant to section 602.8107, determines that the person has 16 20 been convicted of an additional violation of a law regulating 16 21 the operation of a motor vehicle, the county attorney or the 16 22 county attorney's designee shall notify the clerk of the 16 23 district court of the appropriate case numbers, and the clerk 16 24 of the district court shall notify the department for the 16 25 purpose of instituting suspension procedures pursuant to this 16 26 section. 16 27 Sec. 21. Section 321.21 16 28 amended to read as follows: Section 321.210B, Code Supplement 2007, is 16 29 321.210B INSTALLMENT AGREEMENT. 1. If a person's fine, penalty, surcharge, or court cost 16 30 16 31 is deemed delinquent as provided in section 602.8107, 16 32 subsection 3 2, and the person's driver's license has been 16 33 suspended pursuant to section 321.210A, the person may execute 16 34 an installment agreement with the county attorney, or the 16 35 county attorney's designee, or the centralized collection unit 17 17 17 1 of the department of revenue to pay the delinquent amount and 2 the fee assessed in subsection 7 in installments. Prior to 3 execution of the installment agreement, the person shall 4 provide the county attorney, or the county attorney's 5 designee, or the centralized collection unit of the department 6 of revenue with a financial statement in order for the parties 17 17 17 17 7 to the agreement to determine the amount of the installment 17 8 payments. 17 2. A If the person enters into an installment agreement 10 with the county attorney or the county attorney's designee, 17 11 the person shall execute an installment agreement in the 17 12 county where the fine, penalty, surcharge, or court cost was 17 13 imposed. If the county where the fine, penalty, surcharge, or 17 14 court cost was imposed does not have an installment agreement 17 15 program, the person shall execute an installment agreement in 17 16 the person's county of residence. If the county of residence 17 17 does not have an installment agreement program, the person may 17 18 execute an installment agreement with any county attorney or 17 19 county attorney's designee.
17 20 3. The county attorney, or the county attorney's designee, 17 21 or the centralized collection unit of the department of 17 22 revenue shall file the installment agreement with the clerk of 17 23 the district court in the county where the fine, penalty, 17 24 surcharge, or court cost was imposed, within five days of 17 25 execution of the agreement. 17 26 4. Upon receipt of an e 4. Upon receipt of an executed installment agreement and 17 27 after the first installment payment, the clerk of the district 17 28 court shall report the receipt of the executed installment 17 29 agreement to the department of transportation. 17 30 5. Upon receipt of the report from the clerk of the 17 31 district court and payment of the reinstatement fee as 17 32 provided in section 321.191, the department shall immediately 17 33 reinstate the driver's license of the person unless the 17 34 driver's license of the person is otherwise suspended, 17 35 revoked, denied, or barred under another provision of law. 1 6. If a driver's license is reinstated upon receipt of a 2 report of an executed installment agreement the driver shall 18 18 18 provide proof of financial responsibility pursuant to section 321A.17, if otherwise required by law. 18 4 7. The civil penalty, if assessed pursuant to section 321.218A, shall be added to the amount owing under the installment agreement. The clerk of the district court shall 18 18 18 18 8 transmit to the department, from the first moneys collected, 9 an amount equal to the amount of any civil penalty assessed 18 18 10 and added to the installment agreement. The department shall 18 11 transmit the money received from the clerk of the district 18 12 court pursuant to this subsection to the treasurer of state 18 13 for deposit in the juvenile detention home fund created in 18 14 section 232.142. 18 15 8. Upon determination by the county attorney, or the 18 16 county attorney's designee, or the centralized collection unit

18 17 of the department of revenue that the person is in default,

18 18 the county attorney, or the county attorney's designee, 18 19 centralized collection unit shall notify the clerk of the 18 20 district court.

18 21 The clerk of the district court, upon receipt of a 18 22 notification of a default from the county attorney, or the 18 23 county attorney's designee, or the centralized collection unit _18 of the department of revenue shall report the default to the 18 25 department of transportation.

10. Upon receipt of a report of a default from the clerk 18 27 of the district court, the department shall suspend the 18 28 driver's license of a person as provided in section 321.210A. 18 29 For purposes of suspension and reinstatement of the driver's 18 30 license of a person in default, the suspension and any 18 31 subsequent reinstatement shall be considered a suspension 18 32 pursuant to section 321.210A

18 33 If a new fine, penalty, surcharge, or court cost is 18 34 imposed on a person after the person has executed an 18 35 installment agreement with the county attorney, or the county 1 attorney's designee, the centralized collection unit of the department of revenue, and the new fine, penalty, surcharge, 3 or court cost is deemed delinquent as provided in section 4 602.8107, subsection $\frac{3}{2}$, and the person's driver's license 5 has been suspended pursuant to section 321.210A, the person 6 may enter into a second installment agreement with the county attorney, or county attorney's designee, or the centralized collection unit of the department of revenue to pay the 9 delinquent amount and the fee, if assessed, in subsection 7 in

19 10 installments. 12. If an installment agreement is in default, the fine, 19 12 penalty, surcharge, or court cost covered under the agreement

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14. Except for the civil penalty if assessed and collected pursuant to subsection 7, any amount collected under the 19 17 19 18 installment agreement by the county attorney or the county 19 attorney's designee shall be distributed as provided in 19 20 section 602.8107, subsection 4, and any amount collected by 19 21 the centralized collection unit of the department of revenue 19 22 shall be deposited with the clerk of the district court for

23 distribution under section 602.8108. 24 Sec. 22. Section 331.756, subsection 5, paragraph e, Code 19 25 Supplement 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 23. Section 602.8102, Code Supplement 2007, is

amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 105B. Facilitate the collection of court 19 29 debt pursuant to section 602.8107.

Sec. 24. Section 602.8107, Code Supplement 2007, amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof 19 31 19 32 the following:

- 602.8107 COLLECTION OF COURT DEBT.

 1. As used in this section, "court debt" means all fines, 19 35 penalties, court costs, fees, forfeited bail, surcharges under chapter 911, victim restitution, restitution for court=appointed attorney fees or for expenses of a public defender, or fees charged pursuant to section 356.7 or 904.108.
- CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT COLLECTION. Court debt shall be owed and payable to the clerk of the district court. All amounts collected shall be distributed pursuant to 8 sections 602.8106 and 602.8108 or as otherwise provided by 20 9 this Code. The clerk may accept payment of an obligation or a 20 10 portion thereof by credit card. Any fees charged to the clerk 20 11 with respect to payment by credit card may be paid from 20 12 receipts collected by credit card. 20 13
- a. If the clerk receives payment from a person who is an 20 14 inmate at a correctional institution or who is under the 20 15 supervision of a judicial district department of correctional 20 16 services, the payment shall be applied to the balance owed under the identified case number of the case which has 20 18 resulted in the placement of the person at a correctional 20 19 institution or under the supervision of the judicial district 20 20 department of correctional services.
- b. If a case number is not identified, the clerk shall 20 22 apply the payment to the balance owed in the criminal case 20 23 with the oldest judgment against the person.
 - Payments received under this section shall be applied in the following priority order:
 - (1)Pecuniary damages as defined in section 910.1, subsection 3.
 - (2) Fines or penalties and criminal penalty and law

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(3) Crime victim compensation program reimbursement. 20 31 (4) Court costs, including correctional fees assessed 20 32 pursuant to sections 356.7 and 904.108, court=appointed 20 33 attorney fees, or public defender expenses.

20 34 d. The court debt is deemed delinquent if it is not paid 20 35 within thirty days after the date it is assessed. An amount 1 which was ordered by the court to be paid on a date fixed in 2 the future pursuant to section 909.3 is deemed delinquent if 3 it is not received by the clerk within thirty days after the 4 fixed future date set out in the court order. If an amount 5 was ordered to be paid by installments, and an installment is 6 not received within thirty days after the date it is due, the

entire amount of the court debt is deemed delinquent.
3. COLLECTION BY CENTRALIZED COLLECTION UNIT OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. Thirty days after court debt has been assessed, 21 10 or if an installment payment is not received within thirty 21 11 days after the date it is due, the judicial branch may assign 21 12 a case to the centralized collection unit of the department of 21 13 revenue or its designee to collect debts owed to the clerk of 21 14 the district court for a period of sixty days. In addition, 21 15 court debt which is being collected under an installment 21 16 agreement pursuant to section 321.210B which is in default 21 17 that remains delinquent may also be assigned to the 21 18 centralized collection unit of the department of revenue or 21 19 its designee.

21 20 a. The department of revenue may impose a fee established 21 21 by rule to reflect the cost of processing which shall be added 21 22 to the debt owed to the clerk of the district court. Any 21 23 amounts collected by the unit shall first be applied to the 21 24 processing fee. The remaining amounts shall be remitted to 21 25 the clerk of the district court for the county in which the 21 26 debt is owed. The judicial branch may prescribe rules to 21 27 implement this subsection. These rules may provide for 21 28 remittance of processing fees to the department of revenue or

21 29 its designee. b. Satisfaction of the outstanding court debt occurs only 31 when all fees or charges and the outstanding court debt is 21 32 paid in full. Payment of the outstanding court debt only 21 33 shall not be considered payment in full for satisfaction

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The department of revenue or its collection designee shall file with the clerk of the district court a notice of the satisfaction of each portion of the court debt to the full extent of the moneys collected in satisfaction of the court debt. The clerk of the district court shall record the notice 4 debt. 5 and enter a satisfaction for the amounts collected.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY COLLECTION. The county attorney or the county attorney's designee may collect court debt sixty days 8 after the court debt is deemed delinquent pursuant to 9 subsection 2. In order to receive a percentage of the amounts 22 10 collected pursuant to this subsection, the county attorney 22 11 must file annually with the clerk of the district court on or 22 12 before July 1 a notice of full commitment to collect 22 13 delinquent court debt and must file on the first day of each 22 14 month a list of the cases in which the county attorney or the 22 15 county attorney's designee is pursuing the collection of 22 16 delinquent court debt. The list shall include a list of cases 22 17 where delinquent court debt is being collected under an 22 18 installment agreement pursuant to section 321.210B, and a list 22 19 of cases in default which are no longer being collected under 22 20 an installment agreement but remain delinquent. 22 21 notice shall contain a list of procedures which will be 22 22 initiated by the county attorney.

a. This subsection does not apply to amounts collected for 22 24 victim restitution, the victim compensation fund, the criminal 22 25 penalty surcharge, drug abuse resistance education surcharge, 22 26 the law enforcement initiative surcharge, county enforcement surcharge, amounts collected as a result of procedures 22 28 initiated under subsection 5 or under section 8A.504, or fees 22 29 charged pursuant to section 356.7.

b. Amounts collected by the county attorney or the county

22 31 attorney's designee shall be distributed in accordance with 22 32 paragraphs "c" and "d".
22 33 c. (1) Forty percent of the amounts collected by the 22 34 county attorney or the person procured or designated by the 22 35 county attorney shall be deposited in the general fund of the county if the county attorney has filed the notice required by this subsection, unless the county attorney has discontinued 3 collection efforts on a particular delinquent amount.

(2) Of the remaining sixty percent, the following amounts

shall be paid each fiscal year to the clerk of the district 6 court for distribution under section 602.8108:

23 23 (a) For a county with a population greater than one 23 8 hundred fifty thousand, an amount up to five hundred thousand 2.3 dollars.

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- 23 10 (b) For a county with a population greater than one 23 11 hundred thousand but not more than one hundred fifty thousand, 23 12 an amount up to four hundred thousand dollars.
- (c) For a county with a population greater than fifty 23 14 thousand but not more than one hundred thousand, an amount up
- to two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

 (d) For a county with a population greater than twenty=six thousand but not more than fifty thousand, an amount up to one 23 18 hundred thousand dollars.
- (e) For a county with a population greater than fifteen 23 20 thousand but not more than twenty=six thousand, an amount up 23 21 to fifty thousand dollars.
- For a county with a population equal to or less than 23 23 fifteen thousand, an amount up to twenty=five thousand 23 24 dollars.
- (3) After the threshold amount has been distributed 23 26 pursuant to subparagraph (2), any additional moneys collected 23 27 shall be distributed to the individual county as provided in 23 28 paragraph "d"
- d. Any additional moneys collected by an individual county 23 30 after the threshold amount in paragraph "c" has been 23 31 distributed shall be distributed by the state court 23 32 administrator as follows: forty percent of any additional 23 33 moneys collected by the county attorney or the person procured 23 34 or designated by the county attorney shall be deposited in the 23 35 general fund of the county where the moneys were collected; 24 1 twenty percent of the remaining sixty percent collected by the 2 county attorney or the person procured or designated by the county attorney shall be deposited with the office of the county attorney that collected the moneys; and the remainder 5 shall be paid to the clerk of the district court for 6 distribution under section 602.8108 or the state court administrator may distribute the remainder under section 8 602.8108 if the additional moneys have already been received 9 by the state court administrator.
- e. (1) A county may enter into an agreement pursuant to chapter 28E with one or more other counties for the purpose of 24 10 24 11 24 12 collecting delinquent court debt pursuant to this subsection.
- 24 13 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph "c", if a county subject to 24 14 the threshold amount in paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), 24 15 subparagraph subdivision (e) or (f) enters into such an 24 16 agreement exclusively with a county or counties subject to the 24 17 threshold amount in paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), 24 18 subparagraph subdivision (e) or (f), the threshold amount 24 19 applicable to all of the counties combined shall be a single 24 20 threshold amount, equal to the threshold amount attributable to the county with the largest population. 24 21
- The county attorney shall file with the clerk of the 24 23 district court a notice of the satisfaction of each portion of 24 24 the court debt to the full extent of the moneys collected in 24 25 satisfaction of the court debt. The clerk of the district 24 26 court shall record the notice and enter a satisfaction for the 24 27 24 28 amounts collected.
 - ASSIGNMENT TO PRIVATE COLLECTION DESIGNEE.
- The judicial branch may contract with a private 24 30 collection designee for the collection of court debt sixty 24 31 days after the court debt in a case is deemed delinquent 24 32 pursuant to subsection 2 if the county attorney is not 24 33 collecting the court debt in a case pursuant to subsection 4. The judicial branch shall solicit requests for proposals prior 24 35 to entering into any contract pursuant to this subsection.
- b. The contract shall provide for a collection fee equal to twenty=five percent of the amount of the court debt in a case deemed delinquent. The collection fee as calculated 4 shall be added to the amount of the court debt deemed The amount of the court debt deemed delinquent 5 delinquent. 6 and the collection fee shall be owed by and collected from the 7 defendant. The collection fee shall be used to compensate the 8 private collection designee. The contract may also assess the private collection designee an initial fee for entering into 25 10 the contract.
- 25 11 The judicial branch may consult with the department of 25 12 revenue and the department of administrative services when 13 entering into the contract with the private collection 25 14 designee.
 - d. Subject to the provisions of paragraph "b", the amounts

25 16 collected pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed as 25 17 provided in subsection 2. Any initial fee collected by the 25 18 judicial branch shall be deposited into the general fund of 25 19 the state.

25 20 The judicial branch or the private collection designee 25 21 shall file with the clerk of the district court a notice of 25 22 the satisfaction of each portion of the court debt to the full 25 23 extent of the moneys collected in satisfaction of the court The clerk of the district court shall record the notice 25 25 and enter a satisfaction for the amounts collected.

6. WRITE OFF OF OLD DEBT. If any portion of the court debt in a case remains uncollected after sixty=five years from 25 26 25 27 25 28 the date of imposition, the judicial branch shall write off the debt as uncollectible and close the case file for the purposes of collection pursuant to this section. 25 29 25 30

25 31 7. REPORTS. The judicial branch shall prepare a report 25 32 aging the court debt. The report shall include the amounts 25 33 collected by the private collection designee, the distribution 25 34 of these amounts, and the amount of the fee collected by the 25 35 private collection designee. In addition, the report shall include the amounts written off pursuant to subsection 6. judicial branch shall provide the report to the 3 co=chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system, the legislative services agency, and the department of management 6 by December 15 of each year.

Sec. 25. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 901.5C PROMAND SENTENCE == SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. PRONOUNCEMENT OF JUDGMENT

1. Prior to pronouncement of judgment and sentence 26 10 pursuant to section 901.5, or prior to pleading guilty for an offense that does not require a court appearance, the 26 12 defendant shall provide the defendant's social security number 26 13 to the clerk of the district court or the court.

2. The clerk of the district court shall duly note the

social security number in the case file.

3. The defendant's social security number shall be 26 17 considered a confidential record exempted from public access 26 18 under section 22.7, but shall be disclosed by the clerk of the 26 19 district court for the limited purpose of collecting court 26 20 debt pursuant to section 602.8107.

4. Failure or refusal to provide a social security number pursuant to this section shall not delay the pronouncement of judgment and sentence pursuant to section 901.5.

Sec. 26. Section 907.7, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

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The length of the probation shall not be less than one 26 32 year if the offense is a misdemeanor and shall not be less 26 33 than two years if the offense is a felony.

3. However, the The court may subsequently reduce the 26 35 length of the probation if the court determines that the purposes of probation have been fulfilled and the fees imposed 2 under section 905.14 have been paid to or waived by the 3 judicial district department of correctional services and that 4 court debt collected pursuant to section 602.8107 has been <u>5 paid</u>. The purposes of probation are to provide maximum 6 opportunity for the rehabilitation of the defendant and to protect the community from further offenses by the defendant 8 and others.

27 9 $\underline{4}$. In determining the length of the probation, the court 27 10 shall determine what period is most likely to provide maximum 27 11 opportunity for the rehabilitation of the defendant, to allow 27 12 enough time to determine whether or not rehabilitation has 27 13 been successful, and to protect the community from further 27 14 offenses by the defendant and others.

Sec. 27. Section 907.9, subsections 1, 2, and 4, Code 27 16 2007, are amended to read as follows:

27 17 1. At any time that the court determines that the purposes 27 18 of probation have been fulfilled and any fees imposed under 27 19 sections 815.9 and section 905.14 and court debt collected 27 20 pursuant to section 602.8107 have been paid, the court may 27 21 order the discharge of a person from probation.

2. At any time that a probation officer determines that 27 23 the purposes of probation have been fulfilled and any fees 27 24 imposed under sections 815.9 and section 905.14 and court debt 27 25 collected pursuant to section 602.8107 have been paid, the 27 26 officer may order the discharge of a person from probation

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27 27 after approval of the district director and notification of
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 27 30 4. At the expiration of the period of probation and if the 27 31 fees imposed under sections 815.9 and section 905.14 and court
    32 debt collected pursuant to section 602.8107 have been paid or
    33 on condition that unpaid supervision fees be paid, the court
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     8 the court's criminal record with reference to the deferred 9 judgment shall be expunged. The record maintained by the
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 28 10 state court administrator as required by section 907.4 shall
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28 13 Sec. 28. Section 909.8, Code 2007, is amended to read as
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           The provisions of this chapter governing the payment and
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 28 19 payment and collection of surcharges imposed pursuant to
 28 20 chapter 911. However, section 909.10 shall not apply
        surcharges assessed under sections 911.3 and 911.4.
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           Sec. 29. Section 909.10, Code 2007, is repealed.
Sec. 30. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE == COLLECTION SYSTEM
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        enhance the computer assisted collections system of the
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 28 28 generate revenue and cost benefits. The director shall
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28 30 enhancements shall be considered as an upgrade to that 28 31 vendor's contract with the department.

Sec. 31. COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT DEBT == PROCESSING OR 28 32 28 33 COLLECTION FEE. If court debt is being collected pursuant to 28 34 section 602.8107, as amended by this Act, for court debt 35 imposed, assessed, or deemed delinquent prior to the effective 1 date of this Act, a processing fee or collection fee shall be 2 added to the court debt as provided in this Act.

Sec. 32. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the 4 general assembly that the judicial branch enter into a 5 contract with a private collection designee by August 1 6 and begin collection efforts pursuant to section 602.8107, as amended by this Act, on August 1, 2008.

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