

in regard to the proper enactment of certain provisions contained in enactments relating to juvenile justice. It is the intent of the general assembly to resolve any doubt as to the validity of provisions in those juvenile justice enactments of prior years. Passage of an Act by the general assembly necessarily includes a finding by the general assembly that the Act embraced but one subject, and matters properly connected with the subject, and that the subject is properly expressed in the title.

Sec. 2. Section 723A.1, subsection 1, paragraph "h", Code 1997, is affirmed and reenacted in accordance with its enactment in 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1134, section 10, and including any other 1996 amendments and editorial changes.

Sec. 3. Section 724.16A, Code 1997, is affirmed and reenacted in accordance with its enactment in 1994 Iowa Acts, chapter 1172, section 55, and including any other 1994, 1995, or 1996 amendments and editorial changes.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved May 6, 1997

CHAPTER 120

DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES

H.F. 308

AN ACT relating to notification requirements for communications between a debt collector and a debtor.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 537.7103, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

b. ~~The failure to clearly disclose in all the initial written communications made to collect or attempt to collect a debt or to obtain or attempt to obtain information about a debtor communication with the debtor and, in addition, if the initial communication with the debtor is oral, in that initial oral communication, that the debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and that information obtained will be used for that purpose, and the failure to disclose in subsequent communications that the communication is from a debt collector, except where disclosure would tend to embarrass the debtor that this paragraph does not apply to a formal pleading made in connection with a legal action.~~

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