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HOUSE BILL NO. 183

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 6:969.18(A)(2) and to repeal R.S. 6:969.18(G), relative to the
3	Louisiana Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act; to increase the documentation and
4	compliance fee authorized to be collected by a motor vehicle seller, who may be an
5	extender of credit, for certain transactions; to provide for an effective date; and to
6	provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 6:969.18(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§969.18. Documentation and compliance fees; notary fees; transfer of equity and
10	other fees; disclosure
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13	(2)(a) The seller, who may also be an extender of credit, may, in connection
14	with any retail sale, including but not limited to a retail installment transaction,
15	charge a fee for credit investigation, compliance with federal and state law,
16	preparation of the documents necessary to perfect or satisfy a lien upon the objects
17	sold, and any other functions incidental to the titling of the retail sale. The maximum
18	amount permitted to be charged shall be one two hundred dollars.
19	(b) When a seller, who may also be an extender of credit, charges a fee
20	pursuant to this Paragraph, a written disclosure shall be provided to the consumer

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stating the amount of the fee collected pursuant to this Paragraph, along with the following statements in conspicuous type: "This fee is authorized by R.S. 6:969.18(A)(2). It is not a mandatory state fee. The seller, who may also be an extender of credit, may charge the fee for credit investigation, compliance with federal and state law, preparation of the documents necessary to perfect or satisfy a lien upon the objects sold, and any other functions incidental to the titling of the retail sale." The disclosure shall be printed on the bill of sale, buyer's order, or sales contract which is signed by the buyer and retained by the buyer and seller.

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Section 2. R.S. 6:969.18(G) is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

effective on the day following such approval.

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Abstract: Increases the amount that a motor vehicle seller, who also may be an extender of credit, may charge for credit investigation, compliance with federal or state law, preparation of documents, and any other functions incidental to the titling of the retail sale from \$100 to \$200.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a motor vehicle seller, who also may be an extender of credit, may charge a fee for credit investigation, compliance with federal or state law, preparation of documents, and any other functions incidental to the titling of the retail sale. Further provides that the maximum permitted amount is \$100.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the maximum fee permitted to be charged pursuant to <u>present law</u> from \$100 to \$200.

<u>Present law</u> requires the seller, who may also be an extender of credit, to provide written disclosure to the consumer of the amount of the fee collected as authorized by <u>present law</u> along with the following statements in conspicuous type: "This fee is authorized by R.S. 6:969.18(A)(2). It is not a mandatory state fee. The seller, who may also be an extender of credit, may charge the fee for credit investigation, compliance with federal and state law,

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<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and makes technical changes.

<u>Present law</u> further requires the disclosure to be printed on the bill of sale, buyer's order, or sales contract which is signed by the buyer and retained by the buyer and seller.

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(Amends R.S. 6:969.18(A)(2); Repeals R.S. 6:969.18(G))