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HOUSE BILL NO. 470

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

2	To enact R.S. 9:3137.10, relative to revenue-based financing transactions; to provide for
3	definitions; to provide for amounts charged in a revenue-based financing transaction;
4	to provide for disclosures; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 9:3137.10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§3137.10. Revenue-based financing transaction
8	A.(1) For the purposes of this Chapter, "revenue-based financing
9	transaction" means an agreement under which a person engaged in a commercial
10	enterprise sells or agrees to forward a percentage of sales, revenue, or income, and
11	the person's payment obligation increases and decreases according to the volume of
12	sales made or revenue or income received.
13	(2) For the purposes of this Chapter, a "revenue-based financing transaction"
14	is not a transaction for the use, forbearance, or detention of money.
15	B. Amounts charged in a revenue-based financing transaction, whether in the
16	nature of a fee, discount, or otherwise, are not interest.
17	C.(1) A revenue-based financing transaction shall include a written disclosure
18	of the terms of the revenue-based financing transaction as provided in Paragraph (2)
19	of this Subsection. The disclosure shall be provided at or before consummation of
20	the transaction. Only one disclosure shall be provided for each revenue-based
21	financing transaction, and a disclosure shall not be required as a result of a
22	modification, forbearance, or change to a consummated revenue-based financing
23	transaction.

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1	(2) A revenue-based financing transaction shall provide a written disclosure
2	of the following information:
3	(a) The total amount of funds provided to the commercial enterprise under
4	the terms of the agreement.
5	(b) The total amount of funds disbursed to the commercial enterprise if less
6	than the amount specified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph as a result of any
7	fees deducted or withheld at disbursement, any amount paid to the provider to satisfy
8	a prior balance, and any amount paid to a third party on behalf of the commercial
9	enterprise.
10	(c) The total amount to be paid to the provider under the terms of the
11	agreement.
12	(d) The total dollar cost under the terms of the agreement, calculated by
13	finding the difference between the amount specified in Subparagraph (a) of this
14	Paragraph and the amount specified in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.
15	(e) The manner, frequency, and amount of each payment, or if the amount of
16	the payments vary, the manner and frequency of the payments, the estimated amount
17	of the initial payment, a description of the methodology for calculating any variable
18	payment, and the circumstances under which payments may vary.
19	(f) Whether there are any costs or discounts associated with prepayment,
20	including a reference to the provision in the transaction that creates the contractual
21	rights of the parties related to prepayment.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED:

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