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NOTICE OF RATE CEILINGS

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following rate ceilings by use of the formulas and methods described in Sections 303.003 and 303.009, TEX. FIN. CODE.

<u>Types of Rate Ceilings</u>	<u>Effective Period (Dates are Inclusive)</u>	<u>Consumer ⁽¹⁾/Agricultural/ Commercial⁽²⁾ thru \$250,000</u>	<u>Commercial ⁽²⁾ over \$250,000</u>
Weekly Rate - Sec. 303.003 and 303.009, TEX. FIN. CODE	03/31/03-04/06/03	18.00%	18.00%

⁽¹⁾Credit for personal, family, or household use. ⁽²⁾Credit for business, commercial, investment, or other similar purpose.

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NOTICE OF RATE BRACKET ADJUSTMENT

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following brackets and ceilings by use of the formula and method described in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 341.203.⁽¹⁾

The amounts of brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 342.201(a) are changed to \$1,530.00 and \$12,750.00, respectively.
 The amounts of brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 342.201(e) are changed to \$2,550.00, \$5,355.00, and \$12,750.00, respectively.
 The ceiling amount in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 342.251 is changed to \$510.00.
 The amounts of the brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 345.055 are changed to \$2,550.00 and \$5,100.00, respectively.
 The amounts of the bracket in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 345.103 is changed to \$2,550.00.
 The ceiling amount of TEX. FIN. CODE ' 371.158 is changed to \$12,750.00.
 The amounts of the brackets in TEX. FIN. CODE ' 371.159 are changed to \$153.00, \$1,020.00, and \$1,530.00, respectively.

The above dollar amounts of the brackets and ceilings shall govern all applicable credit transactions and loans made on or after July 1, 2003, and extending through June 30, 2004.

⁽¹⁾Computation method: The Reference Base Index (the Index for December 1967) = 101.6. The December 2002 Index = 527.2. The percentage of change is 518.90%. This equates to an increase of 510% after disregarding the percentage of change in excess of multiples of 10%.

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Report on Legislation

Status: 03/25/03 H=House S=Senate

- HB 4--Nixon--Relating to reform of certain procedures & remedies in civil actions--03/25/03 Set for H Calendar
- HB 40--Chisum--Relating to the exemption of travel trailers from ad valorem taxation--03/25/03 Set for H Calendar
- HB 176--McCall--Relating to the contents of a receipt issued for payment of a good or service by debit or credit card--03/18/03--Voted favorably from H Bus & Indust as substituted
- HB 257--Pickett--Relating to the impoundment of a motor vehicle for failure to maintain financial responsibility for the vehicle--03/24/03 H Ins action pending
- HB 543--Jones, Jesse--Relating to certain restrictions on the delivery or installation of a new or used manufactured home in a flood-prone area--03/24/03 H Passed to third reading
- HB 1156--Giddings--Relating to adoption of the Business Organization Code--03/18/03 Voted favorably from H Bus & Indust
- HB 1394--Elkins--Relating to a revision of the general provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code--SAME AS SB 994--03/18/03 Voted favorably from H Bus & Indust
- HB 1841--Solomons--Relating to home equity loans & the interpretation of certain constitutional provisions by certain state agencies--03/24/03 H Fin Inst action pending
- HB 2201--Solomons--Relating to certain changes to the uniform law on secured transactions--SAME AS SB 995--03/18/03 Referred to H Bus & Indust
- HB 2407--Riddle--Relating to the prevention of, assistance provided to certain victims of, identity theft--03/18/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2409--Solomons--Relating to the disclosure of certain information held by a business offering check verification or check guarantee services--03/18/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2415--Hopson--Relating to the postjudgment interest rate--03/18/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2584--Flynn--Relating to the definition of financial institution--03/24/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2585--Flynn--Relating to a pre-license test requirement for mortgage broker and loan officer applicants--03/24/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2586--Flynn--Relating to authorization of FBI background checks for mortgage broker license applicants--03/24/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2587--Flynn--Relating to the consideration of criminal offenses, mortal character and violation of enforcement orders in the licensing of mortgage brokers and loan officers--03/24/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2590--Hilderbran--Relating to the decentralization of certain state agencies and to the location of the headquarters of certain state agencies--03/24/03 Referred to H Gov't Reform
- HB 2627--Flynn--Relating to certain agreements offered in connection with a loan--03/24/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HB 2659--Puente-- Relating to executory contracts for conveyance--03/24/03 Referred to H Bus & Indust
- HB 2673--Flynn--Relating to registration of certain mortgage bankers--03/24/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
- HJR 12--Chisum--Relating to authorizing the legislature to exempt certain travel trailers from ad valorem taxation--03/25/03 Set for H Calendar

HJR 23--Hochberg--Relating to permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage--SAME AS SJR 7--03/24/03 H Fin Inst action pending
HJR 70--Solomons--Relating to home equity loans--03/24/03 H Fin Inst action pending
SB 127--Fraser--Relating to procedures for handling water damage claims--SAME AS HB 747--03/25/03 Placed on S Intent Calendar
SB 130--Fraser--Relating to the use of credit scoring by insurers of residential properties & personal automobiles--03/20/03 S Bus & Com'rce action pending
SB 235--Fraser--Relating to the contents of a receipt or other document issued for payment by credit card--03/20/03 H received but not referred
SB 324--Armbrister--Relating to the exemption of certain persons from regulation as a credit services organization--SAME AS SB 588-03/18/03 Referred to H Fin Inst
SB 351--Harris, Chris--Relating to the regulation of persons who repossess motor vehicles--03/25/03 S Bus & Com'rce hearing set
SB 373--Williams--Relating to notice of an increase in certain rates or changes for certain group policies or contracts--SAME AS HB 508--03/20/03 H received but not referred
SB 405--Hinojosa--Relating to the prevention of, prosecution of, & punishment of identity theft & to assistance to certain victims of identity theft--03/24/03 Reported from S Crim Just as substituted
SB 417--Harris, Chris--Relating to interest rate ceilings on certain commercial loans--03/20/03 H received but not referred
SB 473--Ellis, Rodney--Relating to assisting consumers to prevent & detect identity theft--03/25/03--Placed on S Intent Calendar
SB 510--Staples--Relating to the exemption of certain travel trailers from ad valorem taxation--03/20/03 H received but not referred
SB 533--Carona--Relating to certain practices of debt collectors & credit bureaus--SAME AS HB 3393--03/25/03 S Bus & Com'rce hearing set
SB 597--Duncan--Relating to the regulation of certain companies that provide for-profit legal services contracts--SAME AS HB 1285--03/25/03 Placed on S Intent Calendar
SB 611--Nelson--Relating to printing a social security number on an identification card or other identification device--03/19/03 Reported favorably from S Bus & Com'rce
SB 774--Averitt--Relating to revolving credit accounts--03/25/03 S Bus & Com'rce hearing set
SB 1177--Harris, Chris--Relating to deferred presentment transactions--SAME AS HB 3505--03/19/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1429--Averitt--Relating to certain agreements offered in connection with a loan--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1430--Averitt--Relating to additional interest for default on certain secondary mortgage loans--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1445--Averitt--Relating to electronically readable information on a driver's license or personal identification certificate--03/20/03 Referred to S Infrast Devel & Secur
SB 1526--Brimer--Relating to certain information filed by a person who holds a license issued by, or applies for a license to be issued by the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner--03/20/03--Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1527--Brimer--Relating to a purchaser's right to cure default under an executory contract for conveyance--03/20/03 Referred to S Jurisp
SB 1533--Brimer--Relating to the filing of a financing statement record under the Uniform Commercial Code--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1544--Janek--Relating to business corporations--SAME AS HB 1165--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1577--Carona--Relating to the consideration of compliance with the law & with enforcement orders in the licensing of, & disciplinary action against, mortgage brokers & loan officers--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1578--Carona--Relating to a preclicense test requirements for mortgage broker applicants--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1666--Averitt--Relating to the definition of financial institution--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1667--Averitt--Relating to authorization of Federal Bureau of Investigation background checks for mortgage broker & loan officer license applicants--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1719--Williams--Relating to registration of certain mortgage bankers--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SB 1853--Van de Putte--Relating to the qualifications of a disabled person for an exemption from ad valorem taxation on the person's residence homestead--SAME AS HB 216--Referred to S Fin
SB 1858--Van de Putte--Relating to limiting the amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person--SAME AS HB 217--03/24/03 Referred to S Fin
SJR 22--Harris, Chris--Relating to authorizing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans--03/24/03 Placed on S Intent Calendar
SJR 25--Staples--Relating to authorizing the legislature to exempt certain travel trailers from ad valorem taxation--03/24/03 Referred to H Local Gov't Ways & Means
SJR 42--Carona--Relating to authorizing home equity line of credit--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SJR 47--Fraser--Relating to authorizing home equity lines of credit--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SJR 52--West, Royce--Relating to limiting fees charged to home equity loan borrowers & prohibiting certain predatory practices--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SJR 56--Carona--Proposing a constitutional amendment simplifying home equity borrowing--03/20/03 Referred to S Bus & Com'rce
SJR 62--Van de Putte--Relating to prohibiting an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residences homestead of a disabled person--SAME AS HJR 21--03/20/03 Referred to S Fin

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