MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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To: Judiciary, Division A; Business and Financial Institutions

SENATE BILL NO. 2419 (As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO CONFORM TO CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE MODEL ACT FOR THE 1 2 UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE; TO AMEND SECTION 11-7-18, MISSISSIPPI 3 CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM THE LAW ON IMPLIED WARRANTIES, LIMITATIONS AND DISCLAIMERS TO THE NONUNIFORM CHOICE OF LAW 4 5 PROVISIONS IN THE MISSISSIPPI ENACTMENT OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL 6 CODE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 15-1-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A SIX-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR NONNEGOTIABLE 7 PROMISSORY NOTES; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE 8 OF 1972, TO ENACT SHORT TITLES FOR THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AND 9 FOR ARTICLE 1; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-102, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 10 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF 11 ARTICLE 1; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 12 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNIFORM 13 COMMERCIAL CODE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-104, MISSISSIPPI CODE 14 OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT IMPLIED REPEAL; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 15 75-1-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; 16 TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-106, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 17 PROVIDE FOR GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTION OF PERSONAL AND POSSESSIVE 18 PRONOUNS AS TO GENDER; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-107, MISSISSIPPI 19 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SECTION CAPTIONS ARE PART OF THE 20 ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-108, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 21 PROVIDE FOR THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ACT AND THE ELECTRONIC 22 SIGNATURES ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE 23 24 OF 1972, TO ENACT GENERAL DEFINITIONS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-202, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY WHEN BOTH NOTICE 25 AND KNOWLEDGE OCCUR; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-203, MISSISSIPPI 26 CODE OF 1972, TO DISTINGUISH A LEASE FROM A SECURITY INTEREST; TO 27 CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-204, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY 28 WHEN A PERSON HAS GIVEN VALUE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-205, 29 30 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE REASONABLE TIME AND SEASONABLENESS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-206, MISSISSIPPI CODE 31 32 OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR PRESUMPTIONS OF FACT; TO CREATE NEW 33 SECTION 75-1-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR CHOICE OF LAW; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-302, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 34 35 TO PROVIDE FOR VARIATION BY AGREEMENT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE COURSE OF 36 PERFORMANCE, COURSE OF DEALING, AND USAGE OF TRADE; TO CREATE NEW 37 SECTION 75-1-304, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE GOOD FAITH; 38 TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 39 PROVIDE FOR LIBERAL ADMINISTRATION OF REMEDIES; TO CREATE NEW 40 41 SECTION 75-1-306, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER OR RENUNCIATION OF CLAIM OR RIGHT UPON BREACH; TO CREATE NEW 42 SECTION 75-1-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR PRIMA 43 FACIE EVIDENCE BY THIRD-PARTY DOCUMENTS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 44 45 75-1-308, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR PERFORMANCE OR ACCEPTANCE UNDER RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 46

47 75-1-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE OPTION TO 48 ACCELERATE AT WILL; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-310, MISSISSIPPI 49 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBORDINATION OF OBLIGATIONS; TO 50 AMEND SECTIONS 75-2-103, 75-2-107, 75-2-202, 75-2A-103, 75-2A-501, 75-2A-51, 75-2A-518, 75-2A-527, 75-2A-528, 75-3-103, 75-3-106, 51 75-3-116, 75-3-119, 75-3-305, 75-3-309, 75-3-312, 75-3-415, 52 75-3-416, 75-3-417, 75-3-419, 75-3-602, 75-3-604, 75-3-605, 53 75-4-104, 75-4-105, 75-4-207, 75-4-208, 75-4-212, 75-4-301, 54 75-4-403, 75-4A-105, 75-4A-106, 75-4A-204, 75-5-103, 75-7-102, 55 75-8-102 AND 75-9-102, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO 56 57 CREATE NEW SECTION 79-13-505, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE 58 FOR THE ENFORCEABILITY OF LIMITATIONS ON ASSIGNMENTS OF 59 PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 79-14-706, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEABILITY OF 60 LIMITATIONS ON ASSIGNMENTS OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS; TO 61 CREATE NEW SECTION 1-3-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE 62 FOR THE EDITORIAL NATURE OF SECTION CAPTIONS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY 63 PROVIDED OTHERWISE BY LAW; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 75-1-101, 75-1-102, 64 75-1-103, 75-1-104, 75-1-105, 75-1-106, 75-1-107, 75-1-108, 75-1-109, 75-1-110, 75-1-201, 75-1-202, 75-1-203, 75-1-204, 75-1-205, 75-1-206, 75-1-207 AND 75-1-208, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 65 66 67 68 1972, WHICH COMPRISE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 1 -69 GENERAL PROVISIONS, AND ARE BEING REPLACED BY REVISED ARTICLE 1 -70 GENERAL PROVISIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 75-2-208, MISSISSIPPI CODE 71 OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PRACTICAL CONSTRUCTION OF "COURSE 72 OF PERFORMANCE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 2 - SALES, THE SUBSTANCE THEREOF BEING REENACTED IN 73 74 REVISED ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 75 75-2A-207, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PRACTICAL CONSTRUCTION OF "COURSE OF PERFORMANCE" FOR PURPOSES OF 76 77 THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 2A - LEASES, THE SUBSTANCE THEREOF BEING REENACTED IN REVISED ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS; 78 79 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 80

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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SECTION 1. Section 11-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

82 amended as follows:

83 11-7-18. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 75-2-314, 75-2-315, 75-2-315.1 and 75-2-719, there shall be no limitation of 84 85 remedies or disclaimer of liability as to any implied warranty of 86 merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose in a sale to a 87 consumer, as defined in Section 75-1-201(b)(11), of consumer 88 goods, as defined in Section 75-9-102(a)(23). The provisions of

89 this section may not be waived or varied by agreement.

90 SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section

15-1-81, Mississippi Code of 1972: 91

92 15-1-81. Actions on nonnegotiable promissory notes. (1)An 93 action to enforce the obligations of a party to pay a

94 nonnegotiable promissory note payable at a definite time must be 95 commenced within six (6) years after the due date or dates stated 96 in the promissory note, or if a due date is accelerated, within 97 six (6) years after the accelerated date.

98 (2) If demand for payment is made to the maker of a 99 nonnegotiable promissory note payable on demand, an action to 100 enforce the obligation of a party to pay the promissory note must 101 be commenced within six (6) years after the demand. If no demand 102 for payment is made to the maker, an action to enforce the promissory note is barred if neither principal nor interest on the 103 104 promissory note has been paid for a continuous period of ten (10) 105 years.

For purposes of this section, a "nonnegotiable 106 (3) 107 promissory note" is an unconditional written undertaking to pay 108 absolutely and in any event a fixed amount of money signed by the 109 person undertaking to pay the money that is not an "instrument" under Section 75-3-104(b). Nonnegotiable promissory notes for 110 111 purposes of this section include, but are not limited to, 112 promissory notes that: (a) bear a variable rate of interest or 113 provide for interest by reference to information not contained in 114 the promissory note; (b) provide for interest after default; (c) 115 are nonrecourse to the person undertaking to pay the money; or (d) qualify as "instruments" under Section 75-9-102(a)(47). 116

(4) This section shall not apply to negotiable promissory 117 118 notes, drafts, checks, certificates of deposit or any other 119 instrument or item for which Section 75-3-118 provides the applicable statute of limitations. Neither a lease nor a security 120 121 agreement is a promissory note for purposes of this section. Α 122 promissory note is not investment property as defined in Section 123 75-9-102(a)(49), a letter of credit, or writings that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card 124 125 or information contained on or for use with the card. It is the 126 intention of this section that a "note," as defined in Section

127 75-3-104(e), and nonnegotiable promissory notes, as defined in 128 this section, shall have the same statutes of limitations.

(5) This section shall not apply to obligations arising from retail installment contracts. For purposes of this section, a "retail installment contract" is a contract for the sale of goods under which the buyer makes periodic payments and the seller retains a security interest in the goods. For the purposes of this section, "goods" have the same meaning as the definition of "goods" in Section 75-9-102(a)(44).

(6) This section takes effect on July 1, 2012, and shall apply to all nonnegotiable promissory notes for which the statute of limitations in effect immediately prior to that date has not run. This section shall have no application to promissory notes for which the statute of limitations has run prior to July 1, 2012.

142 **SECTION 3.** The following is revised Article 1 - General 143 Provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and shall be codified 144 in Title 75, Chapter 1, Mississippi Code of 1972, to replace Title 145 75, Chapter 1, Parts 1 and 2, that are repealed in Section 44 of 146 this act:

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PART 1.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Section 75-1-101. Short title. (a) Chapters 1 through 10 of Title 75 shall be known and may be cited as the Uniform Commercial Code.

(b) This chapter may be cited as Article 1 when referring to
the general provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code or as
Uniform Commercial Code - General Provisions.

(c) Chapters 1 through 10 of Title 75 are numbered to correspond to the numbering of the articles of the Uniform Commercial Code and may be referred to as "Articles." 158 Section 75-1-102. Scope of article. Article 1 applies to a 159 transaction to the extent that it is governed by another article 160 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Section 75-1-103. Construction of Uniform Commercial Code to promote its purposes and policies; applicability of supplemental principles of law. (a) The Uniform Commercial Code must be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes and policies, which are:

166 (1) To simplify, clarify, and modernize the law167 governing commercial transactions;

168 (2) To permit the continued expansion of commercial 169 practices through custom, usage, and agreement of the parties; and

170 (3) To make uniform the law among the various171 jurisdictions.

(b) Unless displaced by the particular provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, the principles of law and equity, including the law merchant and the law relative to capacity to contract, principal and agent, estoppel, fraud, misrepresentation, duress, coercion, mistake, bankruptcy, and other validating or invalidating cause supplement its provisions.

178 Section 75-1-104. Construction against implied repeal. The 179 Uniform Commercial Code being a general act intended as a unified 180 coverage of its subject matter, no part of it shall be deemed to 181 be impliedly repealed by subsequent legislation if such 182 construction can reasonably be avoided.

183 Section 75-1-105. Severability. If any provision or clause 184 of the Uniform Commercial Code or its application to any person or 185 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other 186 provisions or applications of the Uniform Commercial Code which 187 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, 188 and to this end the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code are 189 severable.

Section 75-1-106. Use of singular and plural; gender. 190 Ιn 191 the Uniform Commercial Code, unless the statutory context 192 otherwise requires:

193 (1)Words in the singular number include the plural, 194 and those in the plural include the singular; and

195 (2) Words of any gender also refer to any other gender. 196 Section 75-1-107. Section captions. Section captions are 197 part of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Section 75-1-108. 198 Relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. This article modifies, limits, 199 200 and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and 201 National Commerce Act, 15 USC Section 7001 et seq., except that 202 nothing in this article modifies, limits, or supersedes Section 203 7001(c) of that act or authorizes electronic delivery of any of the notices described in Section 7003(b) of that act. 204

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GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION. 207 Section 75-1-201. General definitions. (a) Unless the 208 context otherwise requires, words or phrases defined in this 209 section, or in the additional definitions contained in other 210 articles of the Uniform Commercial Code contained in other 211 chapters of this title that apply to particular chapters or parts 212 thereof, have the meanings stated.

Subject to definitions contained in other articles of 213 (b) 214 the Uniform Commercial Code that apply to particular articles or 215 parts thereof:

216 (1)"Action," in the sense of a judicial proceeding, 217 includes recoupment, counterclaim, setoff, suit in equity, and any other proceeding in which rights are determined. 218

219 "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to pursue (2) 220 a remedy.

221 (3) "Agreement," as distinguished from "contract," 222 means the bargain of the parties in fact, as found in their

223 language or inferred from other circumstances, including course of 224 performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade as provided in 225 Section 75-1-303.

(4) "Bank" means a person engaged in the business of
banking and includes a savings bank, savings and loan association,
credit union, and trust company.

(5) "Bearer" means a person in possession of a
negotiable instrument, document of title, or certificated security
that is payable to bearer or indorsed in blank.

(6) "Bill of lading" means a document evidencing the
receipt of goods for shipment issued by a person engaged in the
business of transporting or forwarding goods.

(7) "Branch" includes a separately incorporated foreignbranch of a bank.

(8) "Burden of establishing a fact" means the burden of
persuading the trier of fact that the existence of the fact is
more probable than its nonexistence.

240 (9) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a 241 person that buys goods in good faith, without knowledge that the 242 sale violates the rights of another person in the goods, and in 243 the ordinary course from a person, other than a pawnbroker, in the 244 business of selling goods of that kind. A person buys goods in the ordinary course if the sale to the person comports with the 245 usual or customary practices in the kind of business in which the 246 247 seller is engaged or with the seller's own usual or customary 248 practices. A person that sells oil, gas, or other minerals at the 249 wellhead or minehead is a person in the business of selling goods 250 of that kind. A buyer in ordinary course of business may buy for 251 cash, by exchange of other property, or on secured or unsecured 252 credit, and may acquire goods or documents of title under a preexisting contract for sale. Only a buyer that takes possession 253 254 of the goods or has a right to recover the goods from the seller 255 under Article 2 may be a buyer in ordinary course of business.

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"Buyer in ordinary course of business" does not include a person that acquires goods in a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a money debt.

(10) "Conspicuous," with reference to a term, means so written, displayed, or presented that a reasonable person against which it is to operate ought to have noticed it. Whether a term is "conspicuous" or not is a decision for the court. Conspicuous terms include the following:

(A) A heading in capitals equal to or greater in
size than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or
color to the surrounding text of the same or lesser size; and

(B) Language in the body of a record or display in
larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type,
font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set
off from surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other
marks that call attention to the language.

(11) "Consumer" means an individual who enters into atransaction primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

(12) "Contract," as distinguished from "agreement,"
means the total legal obligation that results from the parties'
agreement as determined by the Uniform Commercial Code as
supplemented by any other applicable laws.

(13) "Creditor" includes a general creditor, a secured
creditor, a lien creditor, and any representative of creditors,
including an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a trustee in
bankruptcy, a receiver in equity, and an executor or administrator
of an insolvent debtor's or assignor's estate.

(14) "Defendant" includes a person in the position ofdefendant in a counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim.

(15) "Delivery," with respect to an instrument,
 document of title, or chattel paper, means voluntary transfer of
 possession.

288 (16) "Document of title" includes bill of lading, dock 289 warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt or order for the delivery of goods, and also any other document which in the regular course 290 291 of business or financing is treated as adequately evidencing that 292 the person in possession of it is entitled to receive, hold, and 293 dispose of the document and the goods it covers. To be a document 294 of title, a document must purport to be issued by or addressed to 295 a bailee and purport to cover goods in the bailee's possession which are either identified or are fungible portions of an 296 297 identified mass. 298 (17)"Fault" means a default, breach, or wrongful act 299 or omission. "Fungible goods" means: 300 (18)301 Goods of which any unit, by nature or usage of (A) 302 trade, is the equivalent of any other like unit; or 303 Goods that by agreement are treated as (B) 304 equivalent. 305 (19)"Genuine" means free of forgery or counterfeiting. 306 "Good faith," except as otherwise provided in (20)307 Article 5, means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable 308 commercial standards of fair dealing. 309 (21)"Holder" means: 310 (A) The person in possession of a negotiable instrument that is payable either to bearer or to an identified 311 312 person that is the person in possession; or 313 The person in possession of a document of (B) 314 title if the goods are deliverable either to bearer or to the 315 order of the person in possession. "Insolvency proceeding" includes an assignment for 316 (22)317 the benefit of creditors or other proceeding intended to liquidate or rehabilitate the estate of the person involved. 318 319 (23) "Insolvent" means:

320 (A) Having generally ceased to pay debts in the
321 ordinary course of business other than as a result of bona fide
322 dispute;

323 (B) Being unable to pay debts as they become due;324 or

325 (C) Being insolvent within the meaning of federal326 bankruptcy law.

327 (24) "Money" means a medium of exchange currently
328 authorized or adopted by a domestic or foreign government. The
329 term includes a monetary unit of account established by an
330 intergovernmental organization or by agreement between two (2) or
331 more countries.

332 (25) "Organization" means a person other than an333 individual.

334 (26) "Party," as distinguished from "third party,"
335 means a person that has engaged in a transaction or made an
336 agreement subject to the Uniform Commercial Code.

(27) "Person" means an individual, corporation,
business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability
company, association, joint venture, government, governmental
subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, public corporation, or
any other legal or commercial entity.

"Present value" means the amount as of a date 342 (28)certain of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to 343 344 the date certain by use of either an interest rate specified by 345 the parties if that rate is not manifestly unreasonable at the time the transaction is entered into or, if an interest rate is 346 347 not so specified, a commercially reasonable rate that takes into 348 account the facts and circumstances at the time the transaction is 349 entered into.

350 (29) "Purchase" means taking by sale, lease, discount,
 351 negotiation, mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, issue or

352 reissue, gift, or any other voluntary transaction creating an 353 interest in property.

(30) "Purchaser" means a person that takes by purchase.
(31) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a
tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium
and is retrievable in perceivable form.

358 (32) "Remedy" means any remedial right to which an359 aggrieved party is entitled with or without resort to a tribunal.

360 (33) "Representative" means a person empowered to act 361 for another, including an agent, an officer of a corporation or 362 association, and a trustee, executor, or administrator of an 363 estate.

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(34) "Right" includes remedy.

365 (35) "Security interest" means an interest in personal 366 property or fixtures which secures payment or performance of an obligation. "Security interest" includes any interest of a 367 consignor and a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, a payment 368 369 intangible, or a promissory note in a transaction that is subject 370 to Article 9. "Security interest" does not include the special 371 property interest of a buyer of goods on identification of those 372 goods to a contract for sale under Section 75-2-401, but a buyer may also acquire a "security interest" by complying with Article 373 9. Except as otherwise provided in Section 75-2-505, the right of 374 a seller or lessor of goods under Article 2 or 2A to retain or 375 376 acquire possession of the goods is not a "security interest," but 377 a seller or lessor may also acquire a "security interest" by complying with Article 9. The retention or reservation of title 378 379 by a seller of goods notwithstanding shipment or delivery to the buyer under Section 75-2-401 is limited in effect to a reservation 380 of a "security interest." Whether a transaction in the form of a 381 lease creates a "security interest" is determined pursuant to 382 383 Section 75-1-203.

384 (36) "Send" in connection with a writing, record, or 385 notice means:

(A) To deposit in the mail or deliver for transmission by any other usual means of communication with postage or cost of transmission provided for and properly addressed and, in the case of an instrument, to an address specified thereon or otherwise agreed, or if there be none to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or

(B) In any other way to cause to be received any
 record or notice within the time it would have arrived if properly
 sent.

395 (37) "Signed" includes using any symbol executed or396 adopted with present intention to adopt or accept a writing.

397 (38) "State" means a state of the United States, the
398 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
399 Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the
400 jurisdiction of the United States.

401 (39) "Surety" includes a guarantor or other secondary402 obligor.

403 (40) "Term" means a portion of an agreement that404 relates to a particular matter.

405 (41) "Unauthorized signature" means a signature made
406 without actual, implied, or apparent authority. The term includes
407 a forgery.

408 (42) "Warehouse receipt" means a receipt issued by a 409 person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire.

(43) "Writing" includes printing, typewriting, or any other intentional reduction to tangible form. "Written" has a corresponding meaning.

413 Section 75-1-202. Notice; knowledge. (a) Subject to 414 subsection (f), a person has "notice" of a fact if the person: 415 (1) Has actual knowledge of it; 416 (2) Has received a notice or notification of it; or

417 (3) From all the facts and circumstances known to the 418 person at the time in question, has reason to know that it exists. 419 (b) "Knowledge" means actual knowledge. "Knows" has a 420 corresponding meaning.

421 (c) "Discover," "learn," or words of similar import refer to422 knowledge rather than to reason to know.

(d) A person "notifies" or "gives" a notice or notification
to another person by taking such steps as may be reasonably
required to inform the other person in ordinary course, whether or
not the other person actually comes to know of it.

427 (e) Subject to subsection (f), a person "receives" a notice428 or notification when:

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(1) It comes to that person's attention; or

430 (2) It is duly delivered in a form reasonable under the
431 circumstances at the place of business through which the contract
432 was made or at another location held out by that person as the
433 place for receipt of such communications.

434 (f) Notice, knowledge, or a notice or notification received 435 by an organization is effective for a particular transaction from 436 the time it is brought to the attention of the individual 437 conducting that transaction and, in any event, from the time it 438 would have been brought to the individual's attention if the organization had exercised due diligence. An organization 439 exercises due diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for 440 441 communicating significant information to the person conducting the 442 transaction and there is reasonable compliance with the routines. 443 Due diligence does not require an individual acting for the 444 organization to communicate information unless the communication 445 is part of the individual's regular duties or the individual has 446 reason to know of the transaction and that the transaction would be materially affected by the information. 447

448 Section 75-1-203. Lease distinguished from security 449 interest. (a) Whether a transaction in the form of a lease

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450 creates a lease or security interest is determined by the facts of 451 each case.

(b) A transaction in the form of a lease creates a security interest if the consideration that the lessee is to pay the lessor for the right to possession and use of the goods is an obligation for the term of the lease and is not subject to termination by the lessee, and:

457 (1) The original term of the lease is equal to or458 greater than the remaining economic life of the goods;

459 (2) The lessee is bound to renew the lease for the
460 remaining economic life of the goods or is bound to become the
461 owner of the goods;

462 (3) The lessee has an option to renew the lease for the
463 remaining economic life of the goods for no additional
464 consideration or for nominal additional consideration upon
465 compliance with the lease agreement; or

466 (4) The lessee has an option to become the owner of the
467 goods for no additional consideration or for nominal additional
468 consideration upon compliance with the lease agreement.

469 (c) A transaction in the form of a lease does not create a 470 security interest merely because:

(1) The present value of the consideration the lessee is obligated to pay the lessor for the right to possession and use of the goods is substantially equal to or is greater than the fair market value of the goods at the time the lease is entered into;

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(2) The lessee assumes risk of loss of the goods;(3) The lessee agrees to pay, with respect to the

477 goods, taxes, insurance, filing, recording, or registration fees, 478 or service or maintenance costs;

479 (4) The lessee has an option to renew the lease or to480 become the owner of the goods;

481 (5) The lessee has an option to renew the lease for a482 fixed rent that is equal to or greater than the reasonably

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483 predictable fair market rent for the use of the goods for the term 484 of the renewal at the time the option is to be performed; or

(6) The lessee has an option to become the owner of the goods for a fixed price that is equal to or greater than the reasonably predictable fair market value of the goods at the time the option is to be performed.

(d) Additional consideration is nominal if it is less than the lessee's reasonably predictable cost of performing under the lease agreement if the option is not exercised. Additional consideration is not nominal if:

(1) When the option to renew the lease is granted to the lessee, the rent is stated to be the fair market rent for the use of the goods for the term of the renewal determined at the time the option is to be performed; or

497 (2) When the option to become the owner of the goods is
498 granted to the lessee, the price is stated to be the fair market
499 value of the goods determined at the time the option is to be
500 performed.

(e) The "remaining economic life of the goods" and "reasonably predictable" fair market rent, fair market value, or cost of performing under the lease agreement must be determined with reference to the facts and circumstances at the time the transaction is entered into.

506 Section 75-1-204. Value. Except as otherwise provided in 507 Articles 3, 4, and 5, a person gives value for rights if the 508 person acquires them:

(1) In return for a binding commitment to extend credit or for the extension of immediately available credit, whether or not drawn upon and whether or not a charge-back is provided for in the event of difficulties in collection;

513 (2) As security for, or in total or partial514 satisfaction of, a preexisting claim;

515 (3) By accepting delivery under a preexisting contract 516 for purchase; or

517 (4) In return for any consideration sufficient to518 support a simple contract.

519 Section 75-1-205. Reasonable time; seasonableness. (a) 520 Whether a time for taking an action required by the Uniform 521 Commercial Code is reasonable depends on the nature, purpose, and 522 circumstances of the action.

523 (b) An action is taken seasonably if it is taken at or 524 within the time agreed or, if no time is agreed, at or within a 525 reasonable time.

526 Section 75-1-206. Presumptions. Whenever the Uniform 527 Commercial Code creates a "presumption" with respect to a fact, or 528 provides that a fact is "presumed," the trier of fact must find 529 the existence of the fact unless and until evidence is introduced 530 that supports a finding of its nonexistence.

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PART 3.

TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES.

533 Section 75-1-301. Territorial application of the code; 534 parties' power to choose applicable law. (a) Except as provided 535 hereafter in this section, when a transaction bears a reasonable relation to this state and also to another state or nation the 536 parties may agree that the law either of this state or of such 537 other state or nation shall govern their rights and duties. 538 539 Failing such agreement, the Uniform Commercial Code applies to 540 transactions bearing an appropriate relation to this state. However, the law of the State of Mississippi shall always govern 541 542 the rights and duties of the parties in regard to disclaimers of 543 implied warranties of merchantability or fitness, limitations of remedies for breaches of implied warranties of merchantability or 544 fitness, or the necessity for privity of contract to maintain a 545 546 civil action for breach of implied warranties of merchantability 547 or fitness notwithstanding any agreement by the parties that the

548 laws of some other state or nation shall govern the rights and 549 duties of the parties.

(b) Where one (1) of the following provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code specifies the applicable law, that provision governs and a contrary agreement is effective only to the extent permitted by the law (including the conflict of laws rules) so specified:

555 Rights of creditors against sold goods (Section 75-2-402). 556 Applicability of the Article on Leases (Sections 75-2A-105 557 and 75-2A-106).

558 Applicability of the Article on Bank Deposits and Collections 559 (Section 75-4-102).

560 Governing law in the Article on Funds Transfers (Section 561 75-4A-507).

562 Letters of credit (Section 75-5-116).

563 Applicability of the Article on Investment Securities 564 (Section 75-8-110).

Law governing perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection, and the priority of security interests and agricultural liens (Sections 75-9-301 through 75-9-307).

568 Section 75-1-302. Variation by agreement. (a) Except as 569 otherwise provided in subsection (b) or elsewhere in the Uniform 570 Commercial Code, the effect of provisions of the Uniform 571 Commercial Code may be varied by agreement.

572 (b) The obligations of good faith, diligence, 573 reasonableness, and care prescribed by the Uniform Commercial Code 574 may not be disclaimed by agreement. The parties, by agreement, 575 may determine the standards by which the performance of those obligations is to be measured if those standards are not 576 577 manifestly unreasonable. Whenever the Uniform Commercial Code requires an action to be taken within a reasonable time, a time 578 579 that is not manifestly unreasonable may be fixed by agreement.

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(c) The presence in certain provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code of the phrase "unless otherwise agreed," or words of similar import, does not imply that the effect of other provisions may not be varied by agreement under this section.

Section 75-1-303. Course of performance, course of dealing, and usage of trade. (a) A "course of performance" is a sequence of conduct between the parties to a particular transaction that exists if:

588 (1) The agreement of the parties with respect to the 589 transaction involves repeated occasions for performance by a 590 party; and

591 (2) The other party, with knowledge of the nature of 592 the performance and opportunity for objection to it, accepts the 593 performance or acquiesces in it without objection.

(b) A "course of dealing" is a sequence of conduct concerning previous transactions between the parties to a particular transaction that is fairly to be regarded as establishing a common basis of understanding for interpreting their expressions and other conduct.

(c) A "usage of trade" is any practice or method of dealing having such regularity of observance in a place, vocation, or trade as to justify an expectation that it will be observed with respect to the transaction in question. The existence and scope of such a usage must be proved as facts. If it is established that such a usage is embodied in a trade code or similar record, the interpretation of the record is a question of law.

(d) A course of performance or course of dealing between the
parties or usage of trade in the vocation or trade in which they
are engaged or of which they are or should be aware is relevant in
ascertaining the meaning of the parties' agreement, may give
particular meaning to specific terms of the agreement, and may
supplement or qualify the terms of the agreement. A usage of
trade applicable in the place in which part of the performance

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613 under the agreement is to occur may be so utilized as to that part 614 of the performance.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), the
express terms of an agreement and any applicable course of
performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade must be
construed whenever reasonable as consistent with each other. If
such a construction is unreasonable:

620 (1) Express terms prevail over course of performance,621 course of dealing, and usage of trade;

622 (2) Course of performance prevails over course of623 dealing and usage of trade; and

624 (3) Course of dealing prevails over usage of trade.
625 (f) Subject to Section 75-2-209, a course of performance is
626 relevant to show a waiver or modification of any term inconsistent
627 with the course of performance.

(g) Evidence of a relevant usage of trade offered by one (1)
party is not admissible unless that party has given the other
party notice that the court finds sufficient to prevent unfair
surprise to the other party.

632 Section 75-1-304. Obligation of good faith. Every contract 633 or duty within the Uniform Commercial Code imposes an obligation 634 of good faith in its performance and enforcement.

Section 75-1-305. Remedies to be liberally administered. 635 The remedies provided by the Uniform Commercial Code must be 636 (a) 637 liberally administered to the end that the aggrieved party may be 638 put in as good a position as if the other party had fully performed but neither consequential or special damages nor penal 639 640 damages may be had except as specifically provided in the Uniform Commercial Code or by other rule of law. 641

(b) Any right or obligation declared by the Uniform
Commercial Code is enforceable by action unless the provision
declaring it specifies a different and limited effect.

645 Section 75-1-306. Waiver or renunciation of claim or right 646 after breach. A claim or right arising out of an alleged breach 647 may be discharged in whole or in part without consideration by 648 agreement of the aggrieved party in an authenticated record.

649 Section 75-1-307. Prima facie evidence by third-party 650 documents. A document in due form purporting to be a bill of 651 lading, policy or certificate of insurance, official weigher's or 652 inspector's certificate, consular invoice, or any other document 653 authorized or required by the contract to be issued by a third party is prima facie evidence of its own authenticity and 654 655 genuineness and of the facts stated in the document by the third 656 party.

657 Section 75-1-308. Performance or acceptance under 658 reservation of rights. (a) A party that with explicit 659 reservation of rights performs or promises performance or assents 660 to performance in a manner demanded or offered by the other party 661 does not thereby prejudice the rights reserved. Such words as 662 "without prejudice," "under protest," or the like are sufficient.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an accord andsatisfaction.

665 Section 75-1-309. Option to accelerate at will. A term 666 providing that one (1) party or that party's successor in interest 667 may accelerate payment or performance or require collateral or additional collateral "at will" or when the party "deems itself 668 669 insecure," or words of similar import, means that the party has 670 power to do so only if that party in good faith believes that the 671 prospect of payment or performance is impaired. The burden of 672 establishing lack of good faith is on the party against which the 673 power has been exercised.

674 Section 75-1-310. Subordinated obligations. An obligation 675 may be issued as subordinated to performance of another obligation 676 of the person obligated, or a creditor may subordinate its right 677 to performance of an obligation by agreement with either the

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person obligated or another creditor of the person obligated. 678 679 Subordination does not create a security interest as against 680 either the common debtor or a subordinated creditor. 681 SECTION 4. Section 75-2-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 682 amended as follows: 683 75-2-103. (1) In this chapter unless the context otherwise 684 requires: 685 "Buyer" means a person that buys or contracts to (a) 686 buy goods. 687 (b) [Reserved] 688 "Receipt" of goods means taking physical possession (C) 689 of them. 690 (d) "Seller" means a person who sells or contracts to 691 sell goods. 692 (2) Other definitions applying to this chapter or to 693 specified parts thereof, and the sections in which they appear 694 are: 695 "Acceptance" Section 75-2-606 696 "Banker's credit" Section 75-2-325 697 "Between merchants" Section 75-2-104 698 "Cancellation" Section 75-2-106(4) "Commercial unit" Section 75-2-105 699 "Confirmed credit" Section 75-2-325 700 Section 75-2-106 701 "Conforming to contract" 702 "Contract for sale" Section 75-2-106 703 "Cover" Section 75-2-712 Section 75-2-403 704 "Entrusting" 705 Section 75-2-104 "Financing agency" Section 75-2-105 706 "Future goods" 707 "Goods" Section 75-2-105 "Identification" Section 75-2-501 708 709 "Installment contract" Section 75-2-612 710 Section 75-2-325 "Letter of Credit" S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG

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"Lot" Section 75-2-105 711 Section 75-2-104 712 "Merchant" "Overseas" Section 75-2-323 713 714 "Person in position of seller" Section 75-2-707 715 "Present sale" Section 75-2-106 "Sale" Section 75-2-106 716 717 "Sale on approval" Section 75-2-326 "Sale or return" Section 75-2-326 718 "Termination" Section 75-2-106 719 (3) The following definitions in other chapters apply to 720 721 this chapter: 722 "Check" Section 75-3-104 "Consignee" Section 75-7-102 723 724 "Consignor" Section 75-7-102 Section 75-9-102 725 "Consumer goods" "Control" Section 75-7-106 726 Section 75-3-502 727 "Dishonor" "Draft" 728 Section 75-3-104 729 In addition Chapter 1 contains general definitions and (4) 730 principles of construction and interpretation applicable 731 throughout this chapter. 732 SECTION 5. Section 75-2-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 733 amended as follows: 75-2-107. (1) A contract for the sale of minerals or the 734 735 like (including oil and gas) or a structure or its materials to be 736 removed from realty is a contract for the sale of goods within 737 this chapter if they are to be severed by the seller but until 738 severance a purported present sale thereof which is not effective as a transfer of an interest in land is effective only as a 739 740 contract to sell. 741 (2) A contract for the sale apart from the land of growing 742 crops or other things attached to realty and capable of severance 743 without material harm thereto but not described in subsection (1) S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG

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or of timber to be cut is a contract for the sale of goods within this chapter whether the subject matter is to be severed by the buyer or by the seller even though it forms part of the realty at the time of contracting, and the parties can by identification effect a present sale before severance.

(3) The provisions of this section are subject to any third-party rights provided by the law relating to realty records, <u>including the priority of previously recorded deeds of trust under</u> <u>Section 89-5-5,</u> and the contract for sale may be executed and recorded as a document transferring an interest in land and shall then constitute notice to third parties of the buyer's rights under the contract for sale.

756 **SECTION 6.** Section 75-2-202, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 757 amended as follows:

758 75-2-202. Terms with respect to which the confirmatory 759 memoranda of the parties agree or which are otherwise set forth in 760 a writing intended by the parties as a final expression of their 761 agreement with respect to such terms as are included therein may 762 not be contradicted by evidence of any prior agreement or of a 763 contemporaneous oral agreement but may be explained or 764 supplemented:

765 (a) By <u>course of performance</u>, course of dealing or 766 usage of trade * * * [Section 75-1-303] * * *; and

(b) By evidence of consistent additional terms unless the court finds the writing to have been intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement.

770 SECTION 7. Section 75-2A-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 771 amended as follows:

772 75-2A-103. (1) In this chapter unless the context otherwise773 requires:

(a) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a
person who in good faith and without knowledge that the sale to
him is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest

777 or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods, buys in 778 ordinary course from a person in the business of selling goods of 779 that kind but does not include a pawnbroker. "Buying" may be for 780 cash or by exchange of other property or on secured or unsecured 781 credit and includes acquiring goods or documents of title under a preexisting contract for sale but does not include a transfer in 782 783 bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a 784 money debt.

(b) "Cancellation" occurs when either party puts an endto the lease contract for default by the other party.

(c) "Commercial unit" means such a unit of goods as by commercial usage is a single whole for purposes of lease and division of which materially impairs its character or value on the market or in use. A commercial unit may be a single article, as a machine, or a set of articles, as a suite of furniture or a line of machinery, or a quantity, as a gross or carload, or any other unit treated in use or in the relevant market as a single whole.

(d) "Conforming" goods or performance under a lease contract means goods or performance that are in accordance with the obligations under the lease contract.

(e) "Consumer lease" means a lease that a lessor
regularly engaged in the business of leasing or selling makes to a
lessee who is an individual and who takes under the lease
primarily for a personal, family or household purpose, if the
total payments to be made under the lease contract, excluding
payments for options to renew or buy, do not exceed Twenty-five
Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

804 (f) "Fault" means wrongful act, omission, breach or805 default.

806 (g) "Finance lease" means a lease with respect to 807 which:

808 (i) The lessor does not select, manufacture, or 809 supply the goods;

810 (ii) The lessor acquires the goods or the right to 811 possession and use of the goods in connection with the lease; and (iii) One (1) of the following occurs: 812 813 The lessee receives a copy of the (A) 814 contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to 815 possession and use of the goods before signing the lease contract; 816 The lessee's approval of the contract by (B) 817 which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and 818 use of the goods is a condition to effectiveness of the lease 819 contract;

820 (C) The lessee, before signing the lease 821 contract, receives an accurate and complete statement designating 822 the promises and warranties, and any disclaimers of warranties, 823 limitations or modifications of remedies, or liquidated damages, 824 including those of a third party, such as the manufacturer of the 825 goods, provided to the lessor by the person supplying the goods in connection with or as part of the contract by which the lessor 826 827 acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the 828 goods; or

829 (D) If the lease is not a consumer lease, the 830 lessor, before the lessee signs the lease contract, informs the 831 lessee in writing (a) of the identity of the person supplying the 832 goods to the lessor, unless the lessee has selected that person and directed the lessor to acquire the goods or the right to 833 834 possession and use of the goods from that person, (b) that the 835 lessee is entitled under this chapter to the promises and 836 warranties, including those of any third party, provided to the 837 lessor by the person supplying the goods in connection with or as 838 part of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the 839 right to possession and use of the goods, and (c) that the lessee 840 may communicate with the person supplying the goods to the lessor 841 and receive an accurate and complete statement of those promises

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842 and warranties, including any disclaimers and limitations of them 843 or of remedies.

(h) "Goods" means all things that are movable at the
time of identification to the lease contract, or are fixtures
(Section 75-2A-309), but the term does not include money,
documents, instruments, accounts, chattel paper, general
intangibles or minerals or the like, including oil and gas, before
extraction. The term also includes the unborn young of animals.

(i) "Installment lease contract" means a lease contract
that authorizes or requires the delivery of goods in separate lots
to be separately accepted, even though the lease contract contains
a clause "each delivery is a separate lease" or its equivalent.

(j) "Lease" means a transfer of the right to possession and use of goods for a term in return for consideration, but a sale, including a sale on approval or a sale or return, or retention or creation of a security interest is not a lease. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease.

(k) "Lease agreement" means the bargain, with respect to the lease, of the lessor and the lessee in fact as found in their language or by implication from other circumstances including course of dealing or usage of trade or course of performance as provided in this chapter. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease agreement.

(1) "Lease contract" means the total legal obligation
that results from the lease agreement as affected by this chapter
and any other applicable rules of law. Unless the context clearly
indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease contract.
(m) "Leasehold interest" means the interest of the
lessor or the lessee under a lease contract.

(n) "Lessee" means a person who acquires the right to
possession and use of goods under a lease. Unless the context
clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease.

876 (\circ) "Lessee in ordinary course of business" means a 877 person who in good faith and without knowledge that the lease to him is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest 878 879 or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods leases in 880 ordinary course from a person in the business of selling or 881 leasing goods of that kind but does not include a pawnbroker. 882 "Leasing" may be for cash or by exchange of other property or on 883 secured or unsecured credit and includes acquiring goods or 884 documents of title under a preexisting lease contract but does not include a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or 885 886 partial satisfaction of a money debt.

(p) "Lessor" means a person who transfers the right to possession and use of goods under a lease. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublessor.

(q) "Lessor's residual interest" means the lessor's
interest in the goods after expiration, termination or
cancellation of the lease contract.

(r) "Lien" means a charge against or interest in goods to secure payment of a debt or performance of an obligation, but the term does not include a security interest.

(s) "Lot" means a parcel or a single article that is the subject matter of a separate lease or delivery, whether or not it is sufficient to perform the lease contract.

899 (t) "Merchant lessee" means a lessee that is a merchant900 with respect to goods of the kind subject to the lease.

901 (u) "Present value" means the amount as of a date 902 certain of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to 903 the date certain. The discount is determined by the interest rate 904 specified by the parties if the rate was not manifestly

905 unreasonable at the time the transaction was entered into;

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906 otherwise, the discount is determined by a commercially reasonable 907 rate that takes into account the facts and circumstances of each 908 case at the time the transaction was entered into.

(v) "Purchase" includes taking by sale, lease, 909 910 mortgage, security interest, pledge, gift or any other voluntary transaction creating an interest in goods. 911

912 "Sublease" means a lease of goods the right to (w) possession and use of which was acquired by the lessor as a lessee 913 under an existing lease. 914

(x) "Supplier" means a person from whom a lessor buys 915 or leases goods to be leased under a finance lease. 916

(y) 917 "Supply contract" means a contract under which a 918 lessor buys or leases goods to be leased.

919 (z) "Termination" occurs when either party pursuant to a power created by agreement or law puts an end to the lease 920 contract otherwise than for default. 921

922 (2) Other definitions applying to this chapter and the 923 sections in which they appear are:

924	"Accessions" Section 75-2A-310(1)
925	"Construction mortgage" Section 75-2A-309(1)(d)
926	"Encumbrance" Section 75-2A-309(1)(e)
927	"Fixtures" Section 75-2A-309(1)(a)
928	"Fixture filing" Section 75-2A-309(1)(b)
929	"Purchase money lease" Section 75-2A-309(1)(c)
930	(3) The following definitions in other chapters apply to
931	this chapter:
932	"Account" Section 75-9-102(a)(2)
933	"Between merchants" Section 75-2-104(3)
934	"Buyer" Section 75-2-103(1)(a)
935	"Chattel paper" Section 75-9-102(a)(11)
936	"Consumer goods" Section 75-9-102(a)(23)
937	"Document" Section 75-9-102(a)(30)
938	"Entrusting" Section 75-2-403(3)

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939 "General intangible" Section 75-9-102(a)(42) 940 * * * "Instrument" Section 75-9-102(a)(47) 941 942 "Merchant" Section 75-2-104(1) 943 "Mortgage" Section 75-9-102(a)(55) "Pursuant to commitment" Section 75-9-102(a)(68) 944 945 "Receipt" Section 75-2-103(1)(c) 946 "Sale" Section 75-2-106(1) 947 Section 75-2-326 "Sale on approval" "Sale or return" Section 75-2-326 948 "Seller" Section 75-2-103(1)(d) 949

950 (4) In addition, Chapter 1 contains general definitions and 951 principles of construction and interpretation applicable 952 throughout this chapter.

953 SECTION 8. Section 75-2A-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 954 amended as follows:

955 75-2A-501. (1) Whether the lessor or the lessee is in 956 default under a lease contract is determined by the lease 957 agreement and this chapter.

958 (2) If the lessor or the lessee is in default under the 959 lease contract, the party seeking enforcement has rights and 960 remedies as provided in this chapter and, except as limited by 961 this chapter, as provided in the lease agreement.

962 (3) If the lessor or the lessee is in default under the 963 lease contract, the party seeking enforcement may reduce the 964 party's claim to judgment, or otherwise enforce the lease contract 965 by self-help or any available judicial procedure or nonjudicial 966 procedure, including administrative proceeding, arbitration, or 967 the like, in accordance with this chapter.

968 (4) Except as otherwise provided in Section <u>75-1-305(a)</u> or 969 this chapter or the lease agreement, the rights and remedies 970 referred to in subsections (2) and (3) are cumulative.

971 (5) If the lease agreement covers both real property and 972 goods, the party seeking enforcement may proceed under this part 973 as to the goods, or under other applicable law as to both the real 974 property and the goods in accordance with that party's rights and 975 remedies in respect of the real property, in which case this part 976 does not apply.

977 SECTION 9. Section 75-2A-518, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 978 amended as follows:

979 75-2A-518. (1) After a default by a lessor under the lease 980 contract of the type described in Section 75-2A-508(1), or, if 981 agreed, after other default by the lessor, the lessee may cover by 982 making any purchase or lease of or contract to purchase or lease 983 goods in substitution for those due from the lessor.

984 Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages (2) liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or otherwise 985 986 determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 75-1-302 987 and 75-2A-503), if a lessee's cover is by a lease agreement 988 substantially similar to the original lease agreement and the new 989 lease agreement is made in good faith and in a commercially 990 reasonable manner, the lessee may recover from the lessor as 991 damages (i) the present value, as of the date of the commencement of the term of the new lease agreement, of the rent under the new 992 993 lease agreement applicable to that period of the new lease term 994 which is comparable to the then remaining term of the original 995 lease agreement minus the present value as of the same date of the 996 total rent for the then remaining lease term of the original lease 997 agreement, and (ii) any incidental or consequential damages, less 998 expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.

999 (3) If a lessee's cover is by lease agreement that for any 1000 reason does not qualify for treatment under subsection (2), or is 1001 by purchase or otherwise, the lessee may recover from the lessor 1002 as if the lessee had elected not to cover and Section 75-2A-519

1003 governs.

1004 **SECTION 10.** Section 75-2A-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1005 amended as follows:

Except as otherwise provided with respect to 1006 75-2A-519. (1) 1007 damages liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or 1008 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties 1009 (Sections 75-1-302 and 75-2A-503), if a lessee elects not to cover 1010 or a lessee elects to cover and the cover is by lease agreement 1011 that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under Section 1012 75-2A-518(2), or is by purchase or otherwise, the measure of damages for nondelivery or repudiation by the lessor or for 1013 1014 rejection or revocation of acceptance by the lessee is the present 1015 value, as of the date of the default, of the then market rent 1016 minus the present value as of the same date of the original rent, 1017 computed for the remaining lease term of the original lease agreement, together with incidental and consequential damages, 1018 1019 less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.

1020 (2) Market rent is to be determined as of the place for 1021 tender or, in cases of rejection after arrival or revocation of 1022 acceptance, as of the place of arrival.

(3) Except as otherwise agreed, if the lessee has accepted goods and given notification (Section 75-2A-516(3)), the measure of damages for nonconforming tender or delivery or other default by a lessor is the loss resulting in the ordinary course of events from the lessor's default as determined in any manner that is reasonable together with incidental and consequential damages, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.

(4) Except as otherwise agreed, the measure of damages for breach of warranty is the present value at the time and place of acceptance of the difference between the value of the use of the goods accepted and the value if they had been as warranted for the lease term, unless special circumstances show proximate damages of a different amount, together with incidental and consequential

1036 damages, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's 1037 default or breach of warranty.

1038 **SECTION 11.** Section 75-2A-527, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1039 amended as follows:

1040 75-2A-527. (1) After a default by a lessee under the lease 1041 contract of the type described in Section 75-2A-523(1) or 1042 75-2A-523(3)(a) or after the lessor refuses to deliver or takes 1043 possession of goods (Section 75-2A-525 or 75-2A-526), or, if 1044 agreed, after other default by a lessee, the lessor may dispose of 1045 the goods concerned or the undelivered balance thereof by lease, 1046 sale or otherwise.

1047 (2) Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages 1048 liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or otherwise 1049 determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 75-1-302 1050 and 75-2A-503), if the disposition is by lease agreement 1051 substantially similar to the original lease agreement and the new lease agreement is made in good faith and in a commercially 1052 1053 reasonable manner, the lessor may recover from the lessee as 1054 damages (i) accrued and unpaid rent as of the date of the 1055 commencement of the term of the new lease agreement, (ii) the 1056 present value, as of the same date, of the total rent for the then 1057 remaining lease term of the original lease agreement minus the 1058 present value, as of the same date, of the rent under the new lease agreement applicable to that period of the new lease term 1059 1060 which is comparable to the then remaining term of the original lease agreement, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under 1061 1062 Section 75-2A-530, less expenses saved in consequence of the 1063 lessee's default.

(3) If the lessor's disposition is by lease agreement that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under subsection (2), or is by sale or otherwise, the lessor may recover from the lessee as if the lessor had elected not to dispose of the goods and Section 75-2A-528 governs.

(4) A subsequent buyer or lessee who buys or leases from the lessor in good faith for value as a result of a disposition under this section takes the goods free of the original lease contract and any rights of the original lessee even though the lessor fails to comply with one or more of the requirements of this chapter.

1074 (5) The lessor is not accountable to the lessee for any 1075 profit made on any disposition. A lessee who has rightfully 1076 rejected or justifiably revoked acceptance shall account to the 1077 lessor for any excess over the amount of the lessee's security 1078 interest (Section 75-2A-508(5)).

1079 SECTION 12. Section 75-2A-528, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1080 amended as follows:

1081 75-2A-528. (1) Except as otherwise provided with respect to 1082 damages liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or 1083 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 75-1-302 and 75-2A-503), if a lessor elects to retain 1084 1085 the goods or a lessor elects to dispose of the goods and the 1086 disposition is by lease agreement that for any reason does not 1087 qualify for treatment under Section 75-2A-527(2), or is by sale or 1088 otherwise, the lessor may recover from the lessee as damages for a 1089 default of the type described in Section 75-2A-523(1) or 1090 75-2A-523(3)(a), or, if agreed, for other default of the lessee, 1091 (i) accrued and unpaid rent as of the date of default if the lessee has never taken possession of the goods, or, if the lessee 1092 1093 has taken possession of the goods, as of the date the lessor 1094 repossesses the goods or an earlier date on which the lessee makes 1095 a tender of the goods to the lessor, (ii) the present value as of 1096 the date determined under clause (i) of the total rent for the 1097 then remaining lease term of the original lease agreement minus 1098 the present value as of the same date of the market rent at the 1099 place where the goods are located computed for the same lease 1100 term, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under Section

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1101 75-2A-530, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessee's
1102 default.

(2) If the measure of damages provided in subsection (1) is 1103 1104 inadequate to put a lessor in as good a position as performance 1105 would have, the measure of damages is the present value of the 1106 profit, including reasonable overhead, the lessor would have made 1107 from full performance by the lessee, together with any incidental damages allowed under Section 75-2A-530, due allowance for costs 1108 1109 reasonably incurred and due credit for payments or proceeds of 1110 disposition.

1111 SECTION 13. Section 75-3-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1112 amended as follows:

1113 75-3-103.

103. (a) In this chapter:

1114 (1) "Acceptor" means a drawee who has accepted a draft.

1115 (2) <u>[Reserved]</u>

1116 (3) <u>[Reserved]</u>

1117 <u>(4)</u> "Drawee" means a person ordered in a draft to make 1118 payment.

1119 (5) "Drawer" means a person who signs or is identified 1120 in a draft as a person ordering payment.

1121 (6) [Reserved]

1122 <u>(7)</u> "Maker" means a person who signs or is identified 1123 in a note as a person undertaking to pay.

1124 (8) "Order" means a written instruction to pay money 1125 signed by the person giving the instruction. The instruction may 1126 be addressed to any person, including the person giving the 1127 instruction, or to one or more persons jointly or in the 1128 alternative but not in succession. An authorization to pay is not 1129 an order unless the person authorized to pay is also instructed to 1130 pay.

1131 (9) "Ordinary care" in the case of a person engaged in 1132 business means observance of reasonable commercial standards, 1133 prevailing in the area in which the person is located, with

respect to the business in which the person is engaged. In the 1134 1135 case of a bank that takes an instrument for processing for collection or payment by automated means, reasonable commercial 1136 1137 standards do not require the bank to examine the instrument if the 1138 failure to examine does not violate the bank's prescribed 1139 procedures and the bank's procedures do not vary unreasonably from 1140 general banking usage not disapproved by this chapter or Chapter 1141 4.

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(10) "Party" means a party to an instrument.

1143 (11) "Principal obligor," with respect to an

1144 <u>instrument, means the accommodated party or any other party to the</u> 1145 <u>instrument against whom a secondary obligor has recourse under</u> 1146 <u>this article.</u>

1147 <u>(12)</u> "Promise" means a written undertaking to pay money 1148 signed by the person undertaking to pay. An acknowledgment of an 1149 obligation by the obligor is not a promise unless the obligor also 1150 undertakes to pay the obligation.

1151 <u>(13)</u> "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the 1152 burden of establishing the fact (Section 75-1-201(8), Mississippi 1153 Code of 1972).

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(14) [Reserved]

1155 (15) "Remitter" means a person who purchases an 1156 instrument from its issuer if the instrument is payable to an 1157 identified person other than the purchaser.

(16) "Remotely created check" means a check that is not created by the paying bank and that does not bear a signature applied, or purported to be applied, by the person on whose

1161 account the check is drawn.

1162 (17) Secondary obligor," with respect to an instrument, 1163 means (i) an indorser or an accommodation party, (ii) a drawer 1164 having the obligation described in Section 75-3-414(d), or (iii)

1165 any other party to the instrument that has recourse against

1166 another party to the instrument pursuant to Section 75-3-116(b).

1167	(b) Other definitions applying t	o this chapter and the
1168	sections in which they appear are:	
1169	"Acceptance"	Section 75-3-409
1170	"Accommodated party"	Section 75-3-419
1171	"Accommodation party"	Section 75-3-419
1172	"Account"	Section 75-4-104
1173	"Alteration"	Section 75-3-407
1174	"Anomalous indorsement"	Section 75-3-205
1175	"Blank indorsement"	Section 75-3-205
1176	"Cashier's check"	Section 75-3-104
1177	"Certificate of deposit"	Section 75-3-104
1178	"Certified check"	Section 75-3-409
1179	"Check"	Section 75-3-104
1180	"Consideration"	Section 75-3-303
1181	"Draft"	Section 75-3-104
1182	"Holder in due course"	Section 75-3-302
1183	"Incomplete instrument"	Section 75-3-115
1184	"Indorsement"	Section 75-3-204
1185	"Indorser"	Section 75-3-204
1186	"Instrument"	Section 75-3-104
1187	"Issue"	Section 75-3-105
1188	"Issuer"	Section 75-3-105
1189	"Negotiable instrument"	Section 75-3-104
1190	"Negotiation"	Section 75-3-201
1191	"Note"	Section 75-3-104
1192	"Payable at a definite time"	Section 75-3-108
1193	"Payable on demand"	Section 75-3-108
1194	"Payable to bearer"	Section 75-3-109
1195	"Payable to order"	Section 75-3-109
1196	"Payment"	Section 75-3-602
1197	"Person entitled to enforce"	Section 75-3-301
1198	"Presentment"	Section 75-3-501
1199	"Reacquisition"	Section 75-3-207
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1200 "Special indorsement" Section 75-3-205 "Teller's check" Section 75-3-104 1201 "Transfer of instrument" Section 75-3-203 1202 "Traveler's check" 1203 Section 75-3-104 1204 "Value" Section 75-3-303 1205 The following definitions in other chapters apply to (C) 1206 this chapter: 1207 * * * Section 75-4-104 1208 "Banking day" "Clearinghouse" Section 75-4-104 1209 1210 "Collecting bank" Section 75-4-105 1211 "Depositary bank" Section 75-4-105 Section 75-4-104 1212 "Documentary draft" 1213 "Intermediary bank" Section 75-4-105 "Item" Section 75-4-104 1214 "Payor bank" Section 75-4-105 1215 "Suspends payments" Section 75-4-104 1216 1217 In addition, Chapter 1 contains general definitions and (d) principles of construction and interpretation applicable 1218 1219 throughout this chapter. 1220 SECTION 14. Section 75-3-106, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1221 amended as follows: 1222 75-3-106. (a) Except as provided in this section, for the purposes of Section 75-3-104(a), a promise or order is 1223 1224 unconditional unless it states (i) an express condition to payment, (ii) that the promise or order is subject to or governed 1225 1226 by another record, or (iii) that rights or obligations with respect to the promise or order are stated in another record. A 1227 reference to another record does not of itself make the promise or 1228 1229 order conditional. A promise or order is not made conditional (i) by a

1230 (b) A promise or order is not made conditional (i) by a 1231 reference to another <u>record</u> for a statement of rights with respect

1232 to collateral, prepayment, or acceleration, or (ii) because 1233 payment is limited to resort to a particular fund or source.

1234 (c) If a promise or order requires, as a condition to 1235 payment, a countersignature by a person whose specimen signature 1236 appears on the promise or order, the condition does not make the 1237 promise or order conditional for the purposes of Section 1238 75-3-104(a). If the person whose specimen signature appears on an 1239 instrument fails to countersign the instrument, the failure to 1240 countersign is a defense to the obligation of the issuer, but the failure does not prevent a transferee of the instrument from 1241 1242 becoming a holder of the instrument.

If a promise or order at the time it is issued or first 1243 (d) 1244 comes into possession of a holder contains a statement, required by applicable statutory or administrative law, to the effect that 1245 the rights of a holder or transferee are subject to claims or 1246 1247 defenses that the issuer could assert against the original payee, 1248 the promise or order is not thereby made conditional for the 1249 purposes of Section 75-3-104(a); but if the promise or order is an 1250 instrument, there cannot be a holder in due course of the 1251 instrument.

1252 SECTION 15. Section 75-3-116, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1253 amended as follows:

1254 75-3-116. (a) Except as otherwise provided in the 1255 instrument, two (2) or more persons who have the same liability on 1256 an instrument as makers, drawers, acceptors, indorsers who indorse 1257 as joint payees, or anomalous indorsers are jointly and severally 1258 liable in the capacity in which they sign.

(b) Except as provided in Section 75-3-419(f) or by agreement of the affected parties, a party having joint and several liability who pays the instrument is entitled to receive from any party having the same joint and several liability contribution in accordance with applicable law.

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1265 **SECTION 16.** Section 75-3-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1266 amended as follows:

75-3-119. In an action for breach of an obligation for which 1267 1268 a third person is answerable over pursuant to this chapter or 1269 Chapter 4, the defendant may give the third person * * * notice of 1270 the litigation in a record, and the person notified may then give similar notice to any other person who is answerable over. If the 1271 1272 notice states (i) that the person notified may come in and defend 1273 and (ii) that failure to do so will bind the person notified in an action later brought by the person giving the notice as to any 1274 1275 determination of fact common to the two (2) litigations, the person notified is so bound unless after seasonable receipt of the 1276 1277 notice the person notified does come in and defend.

1278 SECTION 17. Section 75-3-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1279 amended as follows:

1280 75-3-305. (a) Except as <u>otherwise provided in this section</u>, 1281 the right to enforce the obligation of a party to pay an 1282 instrument is subject to the following:

1283 A defense of the obligor based on (i) infancy of (1) 1284 the obligor to the extent it is a defense to a simple contract, (ii) duress, lack of legal capacity, or illegality of the 1285 1286 transaction which, under other law, nullifies the obligation of 1287 the obligor, (iii) fraud that induced the obligor to sign the 1288 instrument with neither knowledge nor reasonable opportunity to 1289 learn of its character or its essential terms, or (iv) discharge of the obligor in insolvency proceedings; 1290

(2) A defense of the obligor stated in another section
of this chapter or a defense of the obligor that would be
available if the person entitled to enforce the instrument were
enforcing a right to payment under a simple contract; and
(3) A claim in recoupment of the obligor against the

1296 original payee of the instrument if the claim arose from the 1297 transaction that gave rise to the instrument; but the claim of the

1298 obligor may be asserted against a transferee of the instrument 1299 only to reduce the amount owing on the instrument at the time the 1300 action is brought.

(b) The right of a holder in due course to enforce the obligation of a party to pay the instrument is subject to defenses of the obligor stated in subsection (a) (1), but is not subject to defenses of the obligor stated in subsection (a) (2) or claims in recoupment stated in subsection (a) (3) against a person other than the holder.

(c) Except as stated in subsection (d), in an action to 1307 1308 enforce the obligation of a party to pay the instrument, the obligor may not assert against the person entitled to enforce the 1309 1310 instrument a defense, claim in recoupment, or claim to the instrument (Section 75-3-306) of another person, but the other 1311 person's claim to the instrument may be asserted by the obligor if 1312 1313 the other person is joined in the action and personally asserts 1314 the claim against the person entitled to enforce the instrument. 1315 An obligor is not obliged to pay the instrument if the person seeking enforcement of the instrument does not have rights of a 1316 1317 holder in due course and the obligor proves that the instrument is a lost or stolen instrument. 1318

(d) In an action to enforce the obligation of an accommodation party to pay an instrument, the accommodation party may assert against the person entitled to enforce the instrument any defense or claim in recoupment under subsection (a) that the accommodated party could assert against the person entitled to enforce the instrument, except the defenses of discharge in insolvency proceedings, infancy, and lack of legal capacity.

1326 SECTION 18. Section 75-3-309, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1327 amended as follows:

1328 75-3-309. (a) A person not in possession of an instrument 1329 is entitled to enforce the instrument if:

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(1) The person seeking to enforce the instrument:

1331 (i) * * * <u>Was</u> entitled to enforce <u>the instrument</u> 1332 when loss of possession occurred; or

(ii) <u>Has directly or indirectly acquired ownership</u> of the instrument from a person who was entitled to enforce the instrument when loss of possession occurred;

1336 (2) The loss of possession was not the result of a 1337 transfer by the person or a lawful seizure; and

1338 (3) The person cannot reasonably obtain possession of 1339 the instrument because the instrument was destroyed, its 1340 whereabouts cannot be determined, or it is in the wrongful 1341 possession of an unknown person or a person that cannot be found 1342 or is not amenable to service of process.

1343 (b) A person seeking enforcement of an instrument under subsection (a) must prove the terms of the instrument and the 1344 person's right to enforce the instrument. If that proof is made, 1345 1346 Section 75-3-308 applies to the case as if the person seeking 1347 enforcement had produced the instrument. The court may not enter 1348 judgment in favor of the person seeking enforcement unless it finds that the person required to pay the instrument is adequately 1349 1350 protected against loss that might occur by reason of a claim by 1351 another person to enforce the instrument. Adequate protection may 1352 be provided by any reasonable means.

1353 SECTION 19. Section 75-3-312, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1354 amended as follows:

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75-3-312. (a) In this section:

1356 (1) "Check" means a cashier's check, teller's check, or1357 certified check.

(2) "Claimant" means a person who claims the right to
receive the amount of a cashier's check, teller's check, or
certified check that was lost, destroyed, or stolen.

1361 (3) "Declaration of loss" means a * * * statement, made 1362 <u>in a record</u> under penalty of perjury, to the effect that (i) the 1363 declarer lost possession of a check, (ii) the declarer is the

drawer or payee of the check, in the case of a certified check, or 1364 1365 the remitter or payee of the check, in the case of a cashier's check or teller's check, (iii) the loss of possession was not the 1366 1367 result of a transfer by the declarer or a lawful seizure, and (iv) 1368 the declarer cannot reasonably obtain possession of the check 1369 because the check was destroyed, its whereabouts cannot be 1370 determined, or it is in the wrongful possession of an unknown 1371 person or a person that cannot be found or is not amenable to 1372 service of process.

1373 (4) "Obligated bank" means the issuer of a cashier's1374 check or teller's check or the acceptor of a certified check.

A claimant may assert a claim to the amount of a check 1375 (b) 1376 by a communication to the obligated bank describing the check with 1377 reasonable certainty and requesting payment of the amount of the check, if (i) the claimant is the drawer or payee of a certified 1378 1379 check or the remitter or payee of a cashier's check or teller's 1380 check, (ii) the communication contains or is accompanied by a 1381 declaration of loss of the claimant with respect to the check, (iii) the communication is received at a time and in a manner 1382 1383 affording the bank a reasonable time to act on it before the check is paid, and (iv) the claimant provides reasonable identification 1384 1385 if requested by the obligated bank. Delivery of a declaration of 1386 loss is a warranty of the truth of the statements made in the 1387 declaration. If a claim is asserted in compliance with this 1388 subsection, the following rules apply:

(1) The claim becomes enforceable at the later of (i) the time the claim is asserted, or (ii) the ninetieth day following the date of the check, in the case of a cashier's check or teller's check, or the ninetieth day following the date of acceptance, in the case of a certified check.

(2) Until the claim becomes enforceable, it has no
legal effect and the obligated bank may pay the check or, in the
case of a teller's check, may permit the drawee to pay the check.

1397 Payment to a person entitled to enforce the check discharges all 1398 liability of the obligated bank with respect to the check.

1399 (3) If the claim becomes enforceable before the check
1400 is presented for payment, the obligated bank is not obliged to pay
1401 the check.

(4) When the claim becomes enforceable, the obligated bank becomes obliged to pay the amount of the check to the claimant if payment of the check has not been made to a person entitled to enforce the check. Subject to Section 75-4-302(a)(1), payment to the claimant discharges all liability of the obligated bank with respect to the check.

(c) If the obligated bank pays the amount of a check to a claimant under subsection (b)(4) and the check is presented for payment by a person having rights of a holder in due course, the claimant is obliged to (i) refund the payment to the obligated bank if the check is paid, or (ii) pay the amount of the check to the person having rights of a holder in due course if the check is dishonored.

(d) If a claimant has the right to assert a claim under subsection (b) and is also a person entitled to enforce a cashier's check, teller's check, or certified check which is lost, destroyed, or stolen, the claimant may assert rights with respect to the check either under this section or Section 75-3-309.

1420 SECTION 20. Section 75-3-415, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1421 amended as follows:

75-3-415. (a) Subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d) and 1422 1423 to Section 75-3-419(d), if an instrument is dishonored, an 1424 indorser is obliged to pay the amount due on the instrument (i) according to the terms of the instrument at the time it was 1425 1426 indorsed, or (ii) if the indorser indorsed an incomplete 1427 instrument, according to its terms when completed, to the extent 1428 stated in Sections 75-3-115 and 75-3-407. The obligation of the indorser is owed to a person entitled to enforce the instrument or 1429

1430 to a subsequent indorser who paid the instrument under this 1431 section.

(b) If an indorsement states that it is made "without
recourse" or otherwise disclaims liability of the indorser, the
indorser is not liable under subsection (a) to pay the instrument.
(c) If notice of dishonor of an instrument is required by
Section 75-3-503 and notice of dishonor complying with that
section is not given to an indorser, the liability of the indorser
under subsection (a) is discharged.

(d) If a draft is accepted by a bank after an indorsement is made, the liability of the indorser under subsection (a) is discharged.

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1443 **SECTION 21.** Section 75-3-416, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1444 amended as follows:

1445 75-3-416. (a) A person who transfers an instrument for 1446 consideration warrants to the transferee and, if the transfer is 1447 by indorsement, to any subsequent transferee that:

1448 (1) The warrantor is a person entitled to enforce the 1449 instrument;

1450 (2) All signatures on the instrument are authentic and1451 authorized;

1452 (3) The instrument has not been altered;

(4) The instrument is not subject to a defense or claim in recoupment of any party which can be asserted against the warrantor; * * *

1456 (5) The warrantor has no knowledge of any insolvency
1457 proceeding commenced with respect to the maker or acceptor or, in
1458 the case of an unaccepted draft, the drawer; and

1459 (6) With respect to a remotely created check, that the

1460 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn

1461 <u>authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the</u>

1462 check and to the payee stated on the check.

(b) A person to whom the warranties under subsection (a) are made and who took the instrument in good faith may recover from the warrantor as damages for breach of warranty an amount equal to the loss suffered as a result of the breach, but not more than the amount of the instrument plus expenses and loss of interest incurred as a result of the breach.

(c) The warranties stated in subsection (a) cannot be disclaimed with respect to checks. Unless notice of a claim for breach of warranty is given to the warrantor within thirty (30) days after the claimant has reason to know of the breach and the identity of the warrantor, the liability of the warrantor under subsection (b) is discharged to the extent of any loss caused by the delay in giving notice of the claim.

1476 (d) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this
1477 section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the
1478 breach.

1479 SECTION 22. Section 75-3-417, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1480 amended as follows:

1481 75-3-417. (a) If an unaccepted draft is presented to the 1482 drawee for payment or acceptance and the drawee pays or accepts 1483 the draft, (i) the person obtaining payment or acceptance, at the 1484 time of presentment, and (ii) a previous transferor of the draft, 1485 at the time of transfer, warrant to the drawee making payment or 1486 accepting the draft in good faith that:

1487 (1) The warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor 1488 transferred the draft, a person entitled to enforce the draft or 1489 authorized to obtain payment or acceptance of the draft on behalf 1490 of a person entitled to enforce the draft;

1491 (2) The draft has not been altered; * * *
1492 (3) The warrantor has no knowledge that the signature
1493 of the drawer of the draft is unauthorized; and

1494 (4) With respect to a remotely created check, that the 1495 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn

1496 <u>authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the</u> 1497 check and to the payee stated on the check.

1498 (b) A drawee making payment may recover from any warrantor 1499 damages for breach of warranty equal to the amount paid by the 1500 drawee less the amount the drawee received or is entitled to 1501 receive from the drawer because of the payment. In addition, the 1502 drawee is entitled to compensation for expenses and loss of 1503 interest resulting from the breach. The right of the drawee to 1504 recover damages under this subsection is not affected by any 1505 failure of the drawee to exercise ordinary care in making payment. 1506 If the drawee accepts the draft, breach of warranty is a defense to the obligation of the acceptor. If the acceptor makes payment 1507 1508 with respect to the draft, the acceptor is entitled to recover 1509 from any warrantor for breach of warranty the amounts stated in 1510 this subsection.

1511 If a drawee asserts a claim for breach of warranty under (C) 1512 subsection (a) based on an unauthorized indorsement of the draft 1513 or an alteration of the draft, the warrantor may defend by proving that the indorsement is effective under Section 75-3-404 or 1514 1515 75-3-405 or the drawer is precluded under Section 75-3-406 or 75-4-406 from asserting against the drawee the unauthorized 1516 1517 indorsement or alteration. If a drawee asserts a claim for breach of warranty under subsection (a)(4), the warrantor may defend by 1518 proving that the person on whose account the remotely created 1519 1520 check is drawn is precluded under Section 75-4-406, as applicable, from asserting against the drawee the unauthorized issuance of the 1521 1522 check.

(d) If (i) a dishonored draft is presented for payment to the drawer or an indorser or (ii) any other instrument is presented for payment to a party obliged to pay the instrument, and (iii) payment is received, the following rules apply:

1527 (1) The person obtaining payment and a prior transferor 1528 of the instrument warrant to the person making payment in good

1529 faith that the warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor 1530 transferred the instrument, a person entitled to enforce the 1531 instrument or authorized to obtain payment on behalf of a person 1532 entitled to enforce the instrument.

1533 (2) The person making payment may recover from any 1534 warrantor for breach of warranty an amount equal to the amount 1535 paid plus expenses and loss of interest resulting from the breach.

(e) The warranties stated in subsections (a) and (d) cannot be disclaimed with respect to checks. Unless notice of a claim for breach of warranty is given to the warrantor within thirty (30) days after the claimant has reason to know of the breach and the identity of the warrantor, the liability of the warrantor under subsection (b) or (d) is discharged to the extent of any loss caused by the delay in giving notice of the claim.

1543 (f) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this 1544 section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the 1545 breach.

1546 SECTION 23. Section 75-3-419, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1547 amended as follows:

1548 75-3-419. (a) If an instrument is issued for value given 1549 for the benefit of a party to the instrument ("accommodated 1550 party") and another party to the instrument ("accommodation 1551 party") signs the instrument for the purpose of incurring 1552 liability on the instrument without being a direct beneficiary of 1553 the value given for the instrument, the instrument is signed by 1554 the accommodation party "for accommodation."

(b) An accommodation party may sign the instrument as maker, drawer, acceptor, or indorser and, subject to subsection (d), is obliged to pay the instrument in the capacity in which the accommodation party signs. The obligation of an accommodation party may be enforced notwithstanding any statute of frauds and whether or not the accommodation party receives consideration for the accommodation.

1562 A person signing an instrument is presumed to be an (C) 1563 accommodation party and there is notice that the instrument is signed for accommodation if the signature is an anomalous 1564 1565 indorsement or is accompanied by words indicating that the signer 1566 is acting as surety or guarantor with respect to the obligation of 1567 another party to the instrument. Except as provided in Section 1568 75-3-605, the obligation of an accommodation party to pay the instrument is not affected by the fact that the person enforcing 1569 1570 the obligation had notice when the instrument was taken by that 1571 person that the accommodation party signed the instrument for 1572 accommodation.

(d) If the signature of a party to an instrument is 1573 1574 accompanied by words indicating unambiguously that the party is guaranteeing collection rather than payment of the obligation of 1575 1576 another party to the instrument, the signer is obliged to pay the 1577 amount due on the instrument to a person entitled to enforce the instrument only if (i) execution of judgment against the other 1578 1579 party has been returned unsatisfied, (ii) the other party is insolvent or in an insolvency proceeding, (iii) the other party 1580 1581 cannot be served with process, or (iv) it is otherwise apparent that payment cannot be obtained from the other party. 1582

1583 If the signature of a party to an instrument is (e) 1584 accompanied by words indicating that the party guarantees payment or the signer signs the instrument as an accommodation party in 1585 1586 some other manner that does not unambiguously indicate an intention to guarantee collection rather than payment, the signer 1587 1588 is obliged to pay the amount due on the instrument to a person 1589 entitled to enforce the instrument in the same circumstances as the accommodated party would be obliged, without prior resort to 1590 the accommodated party by the person entitled to enforce the 1591 instrument. 1592

1593 <u>(f)</u> An accommodation party who pays the instrument is 1594 entitled to reimbursement from the accommodated party and is

1595 entitled to enforce the instrument against the accommodated party. 1596 <u>In proper circumstances, an accommodation party may obtain relief</u> 1597 <u>that requires the accommodated party to perform its obligations on</u> 1598 <u>the instrument.</u> An accommodated party who pays the instrument has 1599 no right of recourse against, and is not entitled to contribution 1600 from, an accommodation party.

1601 SECTION 24. Section 75-3-602, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1602 amended as follows:

1603 75-3-602. (a) Subject to subsection <u>(e)</u>, an instrument is 1604 paid to the extent payment is made *** * *** by or on behalf of a 1605 party obliged to pay the instrument, and *** * *** to a person 1606 entitled to enforce the instrument. *** * ***

1607 Subject to subsection (e), a note is paid to the extent (b) payment is made by or on behalf of a party obliged to pay the note 1608 1609 to a person that formerly was entitled to enforce the note only if 1610 at the time of the payment the party obliged to pay has not received adequate notification that the note has been transferred 1611 1612 and that payment is to be made to the transferee. A notification is adequate only if it is signed by the transferor or the 1613 1614 transferee; reasonably identifies the transferred note; and 1615 provides an address at which payments subsequently are to be made. 1616 Upon request made in a record, a transferee shall seasonably furnish reasonable proof that the note has been transferred. 1617 (c) Subject to subsection (e), to the extent of a payment 1618 1619 under subsections (a) and (b), the obligation of the party obliged 1620 to pay the instrument is discharged even though payment is made 1621 with knowledge of a claim to the instrument under Section 75-3-306 1622 by another person. 1623 (d) Subject to subsection (e), a transferee, or any party 1624 that has acquired rights in the instrument directly or indirectly 1625 from a transferee, including any such party that has rights as a 1626 holder in due course, is deemed to have notice of any payment that 1627 is made under subsection (b) after the date that the note is S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG

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1628 transferred to the transferee but before the party obliged to pay 1629 the note receives adequate notification of the transfer.

1630 <u>(e)</u> The obligation of a party to pay the instrument is not 1631 discharged under subsections (a) <u>through (d)</u> if:

1632 (1) A claim to the instrument under Section 75-3-306 is 1633 enforceable against the party receiving payment and (i) payment is 1634 made with knowledge by the payor that payment is prohibited by injunction or similar process of a court of competent 1635 1636 jurisdiction, or (ii) in the case of an instrument other than a cashier's check, teller's check, or certified check, the party 1637 1638 making payment accepted, from the person having a claim to the instrument, indemnity against loss resulting from refusal to pay 1639 1640 the person entitled to enforce the instrument; or

1641 (2) The person making payment knows that the instrument 1642 is a stolen instrument and pays a person it knows is in wrongful 1643 possession of the instrument.

1644 (f) As used in this section, "signed," with respect to a 1645 record that is not a writing, includes the attachment to or 1646 logical association with the record of an electronic symbol, 1647 sound, or process with the present intent to adopt or accept the 1648 record.

1649 SECTION 25. Section 75-3-604, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1650 amended as follows:

75-3-604. A person entitled to enforce an instrument, 1651 (a) 1652 with or without consideration, may discharge the obligation of a party to pay the instrument (i) by an intentional voluntary act, 1653 1654 such as surrender of the instrument to the party, destruction, 1655 mutilation, or cancellation of the instrument, cancellation or striking out of the party's signature, or the addition of words to 1656 1657 the instrument indicating discharge, or (ii) by agreeing not to 1658 sue or otherwise renouncing rights against the party by a signed 1659 record.

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(b) Cancellation or striking out of an indorsement pursuant to subsection (a) does not affect the status and rights of a party derived from the indorsement.

1663 (c) In this section, "signed," with respect to a record that 1664 is not a writing, includes the attachment to or logical 1665 association with the record of an electronic symbol, sound, or

1666 process with the present intent to adopt or accept the record. 1667 SECTION 26. Section 75-3-605, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

1668 amended as follows:

1669 75-3-605. Discharge of <u>secondary obligors.</u> (a) <u>If a person</u>
1670 <u>entitled to enforce an instrument releases the obligation of a</u>
1671 <u>principal obligor in whole or in part, and another party to the</u>
1672 <u>instrument is a secondary obligor with respect to the obligation</u>
1673 <u>of that principal obligor, the following rules apply:</u>

1674 <u>(1) Any obligations of the principal obligor to the</u> 1675 <u>secondary obligor with respect to any previous payment by the</u> 1676 <u>secondary obligor are not affected. Unless the terms of the</u> 1677 <u>release preserve the secondary obligor's recourse, the principal</u> 1678 <u>obligor is discharged, to the extent of the release, from any</u> 1679 <u>other duties to the secondary obligor under this article.</u>

1680 (2) Unless the terms of the release provide that the 1681 person entitled to enforce the instrument retains the right to 1682 enforce the instrument against the secondary obligor, the secondary obligor is discharged to the same extent as the 1683 1684 principal obligor from any unperformed portion of its obligation on the instrument. If the instrument is a check and the 1685 1686 obligation of the secondary obligor is based on an indorsement of the check, the secondary obligor is discharged without regard to 1687 the language or circumstances of the discharge or other release. 1688 1689 (3) If the secondary obligor is not discharged under 1690 paragraph (2), the secondary obligor is discharged to the extent 1691 of the value of the consideration for the release, and to the

1692 extent that the release would otherwise cause the secondary
1693 obligor a loss.

(b) If a person entitled to enforce an instrument grants a
principal obligor an extension of the time at which one or more
payments are due on the instrument and another party to the
instrument is a secondary obligor with respect to the obligation
of that principal obligor, the following rules apply:

1699 (1) Any obligations of the principal obligor to the
1700 secondary obligor with respect to any previous payment by the
1701 secondary obligor are not affected. Unless the terms of the
1702 extension preserve the secondary obligor's recourse, the extension
1703 correspondingly extends the time for performance of any other
1704 duties owed to the secondary obligor by the principal obligor
1705 under this article.

1706 (2) The secondary obligor is discharged to the extent 1707 that the extension would otherwise cause the secondary obligor a 1708 loss.

(3) To the extent that the secondary obligor is not 1709 discharged under paragraph (2), the secondary obligor may perform 1710 1711 its obligations to a person entitled to enforce the instrument as 1712 if the time for payment had not been extended or, unless the terms 1713 of the extension provide that the person entitled to enforce the instrument retains the right to enforce the instrument against the 1714 secondary obligor as if the time for payment had not been 1715 1716 extended, treat the time for performance of its obligations as 1717 having been extended correspondingly. 1718 (C) If a person entitled to enforce an instrument agrees, 1719 with or without consideration, to a modification of the obligation

1720 of a principal obligor other than a complete or partial release or

1721 an extension of the due date and another party to the instrument

1722 is a secondary obligor with respect to the obligation of that

1723 principal obligor, the following rules apply:

(1) Any obligations of the principal obligor to the 1724 1725 secondary obligor with respect to any previous payment by the secondary obligor are not affected. The modification 1726 1727 correspondingly modifies any other duties owed to the secondary 1728 obligor by the principal obligor under this article. (2) 1729 The secondary obligor is discharged from any unperformed portion of its obligation to the extent that the 1730 modification would otherwise cause the secondary obligor a loss. 1731 1732 (3) To the extent that the secondary obligor is not discharged under paragraph (2), the secondary obligor may satisfy 1733 1734 its obligation on the instrument as if the modification had not 1735 occurred, or treat its obligation on the instrument as having been 1736 modified correspondingly. 1737 If the obligation of a principal obligor is secured by (d) an interest in collateral, another party to the instrument is a 1738 1739 secondary obligor with respect to that obligation, and a person entitled to enforce the instrument impairs the value of the 1740 1741 interest in collateral, the obligation of the secondary obligor is discharged to the extent of the impairment. The value of an 1742 1743 interest in collateral is impaired to the extent the value of the interest is reduced to an amount less than the amount of the 1744 1745 recourse of the secondary obligor, or the reduction in value of the interest causes an increase in the amount by which the amount 1746 of the recourse exceeds the value of the interest. For purposes 1747 1748 of this subsection, impairing the value of an interest in collateral includes failure to obtain or maintain perfection or 1749 1750 recordation of the interest in collateral, release of collateral without substitution of collateral of equal value or equivalent 1751 reduction of the underlying obligation, failure to perform a duty 1752 1753 to preserve the value of collateral owed, under Article 9 or other 1754 law, to a debtor or other person secondarily liable, and failure 1755 to comply with applicable law in disposing of or otherwise 1756 enforcing the interest in collateral.

1757 A secondary obligor is not discharged under subsection (e) 1758 (a)(3), (b), (c), or (d) unless the person entitled to enforce the instrument knows that the person is a secondary obligor or has 1759 1760 notice under Section 75-3-419(c) that the instrument was signed 1761 for accommodation. 1762 A secondary obligor is not discharged under this section (f) if the secondary obligor consents to the event or conduct that is 1763 1764 the basis of the discharge, or the instrument or a separate 1765 agreement of the party provides for waiver of discharge under this section specifically or by general language indicating that 1766 1767 parties waive defenses based on suretyship or impairment of 1768 collateral. Unless the circumstances indicate otherwise, consent 1769 by the principal obligor to an act that would lead to a discharge 1770 under this section constitutes consent to that act by the 1771 secondary obligor if the secondary obligor controls the principal obligor or deals with the person entitled to enforce the 1772 instrument on behalf of the principal obligor. 1773 1774 (q) A release or extension preserves a secondary obligor's recourse if the terms of the release or extension provide that: 1775 1776 (1) The person entitled to enforce the instrument 1777 retains the right to enforce the instrument against the secondary 1778 obligor; and 1779 (2) The recourse of the secondary obligor continues as 1780 if the release or extension had not been granted. 1781 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i), a (h) 1782 secondary obligor asserting discharge under this section has the 1783 burden of persuasion both with respect to the occurrence of the 1784 acts alleged to harm the secondary obligor and loss or prejudice 1785 caused by those acts. 1786 If the secondary obligor demonstrates prejudice caused (i) 1787 by an impairment of its recourse, and the circumstances of the 1788 case indicate that the amount of loss is not reasonably 1789 susceptible of calculation or requires proof of facts that are not S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG

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1790 ascertainable, it is presumed that the act impairing recourse

1791 caused a loss or impairment equal to the liability of the

1792 secondary obligor on the instrument. In that event, the burden of

1793 persuasion as to any lesser amount of the loss is on the person

1794 entitled to enforce the instrument.

1795 SECTION 27. Section 75-4-104, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1796 amended as follows:

1797 75-4-104. (a) In this chapter, unless the context otherwise 1798 requires:

(1) "Account" means any deposit or credit account with a bank, including a demand, time, savings, passbook, share draft, or like account, other than an account evidenced by a certificate of deposit.

1803 (2) "Afternoon" means the period of a day between noon 1804 and midnight.

1805 (3) "Banking day" means the part of a day on which a 1806 bank is open to the public for carrying on substantially all of 1807 its banking functions.

1808 (4) "Clearinghouse" means an association of banks or1809 other payors regularly clearing items.

1810 (5) "Customer" means a person having an account with a 1811 bank or for whom a bank has agreed to collect items, including a 1812 bank that maintains an account at another bank.

(6) "Documentary draft" means a draft to be presented for acceptance or payment if specified documents, certificated securities (Section 75-8-102) or instructions for uncertificated securities (Section 75-8-102), or other certificates, statements, or the like are to be received by the drawee or other payor before acceptance or payment of the draft.

1819 (7) "Draft" means a draft as defined in Section
1820 75-3-104 or an item, other than an instrument, that is an order.
1821 (8) "Drawee" means a person ordered in a draft to make

1822 payment.

S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 55 (9) "Item" means an instrument or a promise or order to
pay money handled by a bank for collection or payment. The term
does not include a payment order governed by Chapter 4A or a
credit or debit card slip.

(10) "Midnight deadline" with respect to a bank is midnight on its next banking day following the banking day on which it receives the relevant item or notice or from which the time for taking action commences to run, whichever is later.

1831 (11) "Settle" means to pay in cash, by clearinghouse 1832 settlement, in a charge or credit or by remittance, or otherwise 1833 as agreed. A settlement may be either provisional or final.

(12) "Suspends payments" with respect to a bank means that it has been closed by order of the supervisory authorities, that a public officer has been appointed to take it over, or that it ceases or refuses to make payments in the ordinary course of business.

Section 75-4-110

(b) Other definitions applying to this chapter and thesections in which they appear are:

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Section 75-4-105 1844 "Collecting bank" "Depositary bank" Section 75-4-105 1845 "Intermediary bank" Section 75-4-105 1846 1847 "Payor bank" Section 75-4-105 "Presenting bank" Section 75-4-105 1848 Section 75-4-110 1849 "Presentment notice" 1850 The following definitions in other chapters apply to (C) 1851 this chapter: 1852 "Acceptance" Section 75-3-409 Section 75-3-407 1853 "Alteration" 1854 "Cashier's check" Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-104 1855 "Certificate of deposit"

"Certified check" Section 75-3-409 1856 "Check" 1857 Section 75-3-104 "Control" Section 75-7-106 1858 1859 1860 "Holder in due course" Section 75-3-302 "Instrument" Section 75-3-104 1861 1862 "Notice of dishonor" Section 75-3-503 "Order" Section 75-3-103 1863 Section 75-3-103 1864 "Ordinary care" Section 75-3-301 "Person entitled to enforce" 1865 1866 "Presentment" Section 75-3-501 1867 "Promise" Section 75-3-103 "Prove" Section 75-3-103 1868 1869 Section 75-3-103 "Remotely created check" "Teller's check" 1870 Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-403 1871 "Unauthorized signature" In addition, Chapter 1 contains general definitions and 1872 (d) 1873 principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this chapter. 1874 1875 SECTION 28. Section 75-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1876 amended as follows: 75-4-105. Definitions of types of banks. 1877 In this chapter: 1878 (1) [Reserved] "Depositary bank" means the first bank to take an 1879 (2) 1880 item even though it is also the payor bank, unless the item is presented for immediate payment over the counter. 1881 1882 (3) "Payor bank" means a bank that is the drawee of a 1883 draft. "Intermediary bank" means a bank to which an item 1884 (4) 1885 is transferred in course of collection except the depositary or 1886 payor bank. 1887 (5) "Collecting bank" means a bank handling an item for 1888 collection except the payor bank. S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 57

1889 (6) "Presenting bank" means a bank presenting an item1890 except a payor bank.

1891 SECTION 29. Section 75-4-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1892 amended as follows:

1893 75-4-207. (a) A customer or collecting bank that transfers 1894 an item and receives a settlement or other consideration warrants 1895 to the transferee and to any subsequent collecting bank that:

1896 (1) The warrantor is a person entitled to enforce the 1897 item;

1898 (2) All signatures on the item are authentic and1899 authorized;

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(3) The item has not been altered;

1901 (4) The item is not subject to a defense or claim in 1902 recoupment (Section 75-3-305(a)) of any party that can be asserted 1903 against the warrantor; * * *

1904 (5) The warrantor has no knowledge of any insolvency 1905 proceeding commenced with respect to the maker or acceptor or, in 1906 the case of an unaccepted draft, the drawer<u>; and</u>

1907 (6) With respect to a remotely created check, that the
1908 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn
1909 authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the
1910 check and to the payee stated on the check.

1911 If an item is dishonored, a customer or collecting bank (b) transferring the item and receiving settlement or other 1912 1913 consideration is obliged to pay the amount due on the item (i) according to the terms of the item at the time it was transferred, 1914 1915 or (ii) if the transfer was of an incomplete item, according to 1916 its terms when completed as stated in Sections 75-3-115 and 1917 75-3-407. The obligation of a transferor is owed to the 1918 transferee and to any subsequent collecting bank that takes the 1919 item in good faith. A transferor cannot disclaim its obligation 1920 under this subsection by an indorsement stating that it is made "without recourse" or otherwise disclaiming liability. 1921

S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 58 (c) A person to whom the warranties under subsection (a) are made and who took the item in good faith may recover from the warrantor as damages for breach of warranty an amount equal to the loss suffered as a result of the breach, but not more than the amount of the item plus expenses and loss of interest incurred as a result of the breach.

(d) The warranties stated in subsection (a) cannot be disclaimed with respect to checks. Unless notice of a claim for breach of warranty is given to the warrantor within thirty (30) days after the claimant has reason to know of the breach and the identity of the warrantor, the warrantor is discharged to the extent of any loss caused by the delay in giving notice of the claim.

(e) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this
section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the
breach.

1938 SECTION 30. Section 75-4-208, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1939 amended as follows:

1940 75-4-208. (a) If an unaccepted draft is presented to the 1941 drawee for payment or acceptance and the drawee pays or accepts 1942 the draft, (i) the person obtaining payment or acceptance, at the 1943 time of presentment, and (ii) a previous transferor of the draft, 1944 at the time of transfer, warrant to the drawee that pays or 1945 accepts the draft in good faith that:

1946 (1) The warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor 1947 transferred the draft, a person entitled to enforce the draft or 1948 authorized to obtain payment or acceptance of the draft on behalf 1949 of a person entitled to enforce the draft;

1950 (2) The draft has not been altered; * * *
1951 (3) The warrantor has no knowledge that the signature
1952 of the purported drawer of the draft is unauthorized; and
1953 (4) With respect to a remotely created check, that the

1954 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn

1955 <u>authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the</u> 1956 check and to the payee stated on the check.

1957 (b) A drawee making payment may recover from a warrantor 1958 damages for breach of warranty equal to the amount paid by the 1959 drawee less the amount the drawee received or is entitled to 1960 receive from the drawer because of the payment. In addition, the drawee is entitled to compensation for expenses and loss of 1961 interest resulting from the breach. The right of the drawee to 1962 1963 recover damages under this subsection is not affected by any 1964 failure of the drawee to exercise ordinary care in making payment. 1965 If the drawee accepts the draft (i) breach of warranty is a defense to the obligation of the acceptor, and (ii) if the 1966 1967 acceptor makes payment with respect to the draft, the acceptor is 1968 entitled to recover from a warrantor for breach of warranty the 1969 amounts stated in this subsection.

1970 (c) If a drawee asserts a claim for breach of warranty under subsection (a) based on an unauthorized indorsement of the draft 1971 1972 or an alteration of the draft, the warrantor may defend by proving 1973 that the indorsement is effective under Section 75-3-404 or 1974 75-3-405 or the drawer is precluded under Section 75-3-406 or 75-4-406 from asserting against the drawee the unauthorized 1975 1976 indorsement or alteration. If a drawee asserts a claim for breach 1977 of warranty under subsection (a)(4), the warrantor may defend by proving that the person on whose account the remotely created 1978 1979 check is drawn is precluded under Section 75-4-406, as applicable, from asserting against the drawee the unauthorized issuance of the 1980 1981 check.

(d) If (i) a dishonored draft is presented for payment to the drawer or an indorser or (ii) any other item is presented for payment to a party obliged to pay the item, and the item is paid, the person obtaining payment and a prior transferor of the item warrant to the person making payment in good faith that the warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor transferred the

1988 item, a person entitled to enforce the item or authorized to 1989 obtain payment on behalf of a person entitled to enforce the item. 1990 The person making payment may recover from any warrantor for 1991 breach of warranty an amount equal to the amount paid plus 1992 expenses and loss of interest resulting from the breach.

(e) The warranties stated in subsections (a) and (d) cannot be disclaimed with respect to checks. Unless notice of a claim for breach of warranty is given to the warrantor within thirty (30) days after the claimant has reason to know of the breach and the identity of the warrantor, the warrantor is discharged to the extent of any loss caused by the delay in giving notice of the claim.

2000 (f) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this 2001 section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the 2002 breach.

2003 **SECTION 31.** Section 75-4-212, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2004 amended as follows:

2005 75-4-212. (a) Unless otherwise instructed, a collecting 2006 bank may present an item not payable by, through, or at a bank by 2007 sending to the party to accept or pay a record providing notice that the bank holds the item for acceptance or payment. 2008 The 2009 notice must be sent in time to be received on or before the day 2010 when presentment is due and the bank must meet any requirement of the party to accept or pay under Section 75-3-501 by the close of 2011 2012 the bank's next banking day after it knows of the requirement.

(b) If presentment is made by notice and payment, acceptance, or request for compliance with a requirement under Section 75-3-501 is not received by the close of business on the day after maturity or, in the case of demand items, by the close of business on the third banking day after notice was sent, the presenting bank may treat the item as dishonored and charge any drawer or indorser by sending it notice of the facts.

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2020 **SECTION 32.** Section 75-4-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2021 amended as follows:

2022 75-4-301. (a) If a payor bank settles for a demand item 2023 other than a documentary draft presented otherwise than for 2024 immediate payment over the counter before midnight of the banking 2025 day of receipt, the payor bank may revoke the settlement and 2026 recover the settlement if, before it has made final payment and 2027 before its midnight deadline, it:

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(1) Returns the item; * * *

2029 (2) <u>Returns an image of the item, if the party to which</u>
2030 <u>the return is made has entered into an agreement to accept an</u>
2031 <u>image as a return of the item and the image is returned in</u>
2032 <u>accordance with that agreement; or</u>

2033 <u>(3)</u> Sends <u>a record providing</u> notice of dishonor or 2034 nonpayment if the item is unavailable for return.

(b) If a demand item is received by a payor bank for credit on its books, it may return the item or send notice of dishonor and may revoke any credit given or recover the amount thereof withdrawn by its customer, if it acts within the time limit and in the manner specified in subsection (a).

(c) Unless previous notice of dishonor has been sent, an item is dishonored at the time when for purposes of dishonor it is returned or notice sent in accordance with this section.

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An item is returned:

(1) As to an item presented through a clearinghouse, when it is delivered to the presenting or last collecting bank or to the clearinghouse or is sent or delivered in accordance with clearinghouse rules; or

2048 (2) In all other cases, when it is sent or delivered to
2049 the bank's customer or transferor or pursuant to instructions.
2050 SECTION 33. Section 75-4-403, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

2051 amended as follows:

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2052 75-4-403. (a) A customer or any person authorized to draw 2053 on the account if there is more than one (1) person may stop 2054 payment of any item drawn on the customer's account or close the 2055 account by an order to the bank describing the item or account 2056 with reasonable certainty received at a time and in a manner that 2057 affords the bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it before any 2058 action by the bank with respect to the item described in Section 2059 75-4-303. If the signature of more than one (1) person is 2060 required to draw on an account, any of these persons may stop 2061 payment or close the account.

(b) A stop-payment order is effective for six (6) months, but it lapses after fourteen (14) calendar days if the original order was oral and was not confirmed in writing within that period. A stop-payment order may be renewed for additional six-month periods by a <u>record</u> given to the bank within a period during which the stop-payment order is effective.

(c) The burden of establishing the fact and amount of loss resulting from the payment of an item contrary to a stop-payment order or order to close an account is on the customer. The loss from payment of an item contrary to a stop-payment order may include damages for dishonor of subsequent items under Section 75-4-402.

2074 SECTION 34. Section 75-4A-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2075 amended as follows:

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75-4A-105. (a) In this chapter:

2077 "Authorized account" means a deposit account of a (1)2078 customer in a bank designated by the customer as a source of payment of payment orders issued by the customer to the bank. 2079 If 2080 a customer does not so designate an account, any account of the 2081 customer is an authorized account if payment of a payment order from that account is not inconsistent with a restriction on the 2082 2083 use of that account.

(2) "Bank" means a person engaged in the business of
banking and includes a savings bank, savings and loan association,
credit union, and trust company. A branch or separate office of a
bank is a separate bank for purposes of this chapter.

(3) "Customer" means a person, including a bank, having
an account with a bank or from whom a bank has agreed to receive
payment orders.

(4) <u>"Funds-transfer business day" of a receiving bank</u>
means the part of a day during which the receiving bank is open
for the receipt, processing, and transmittal of payment orders and
cancellations and amendments of payment orders.

(5) "Funds-transfer system" means a wire transfer network, automated clearinghouse, or other communication system of a clearinghouse or other association of banks through which a payment order by a bank may be transmitted to the bank to which the order is addressed.

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(6) [Reserved]

2101 (7) "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the 2102 burden of establishing the fact (Section 75-1-201(b)(8)).

(b) Other definitions applying to this chapter and the sections in which they appear are:

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2116		bank to beneficiary"	Section	75-4A-405
2115		"Payment by beneficiary's		
2114		"Originator's bank"	Section	75-4A-104
2113		"Originator"	Section	75-4A-104
2112		"Intermediary bank"	Section	75-4A-104
2111		"Funds-transfer system rule"	Section	75-4A-501
2110		"Funds transfer"	Section	75-4A-104
2109		"Execution date"	Section	75-4A-301
2108		"Executed"	Section	75-4A-301
2107		"Beneficiary's bank"	Section	75-4A-103
2106		"Beneficiary"	Section	75-4A-103
2105		"Acceptance"	Section	75-4A-209

2117 "Payment by originator to beneficiary" Section 75-4A-406 2118 "Payment by sender to 2119 Section 75-4A-403 2120 receiving bank" 2121 "Payment date" Section 75-4A-401 "Payment order" Section 75-4A-103 2122 2123 "Receiving bank" Section 75-4A-103 Section 75-4A-201 2124 "Security procedure" "Sender" Section 75-4A-103 2125 The following definitions in Title 75, Chapter 4, apply 2126 (C) 2127 to this chapter: 2128 "Clearinghouse" Section 75-4-104 "Item" Section 75-4-104 2129 2130 "Suspends payments" Section 75-4-104 In addition Title 75, Chapter 1, contains general 2131 (d) 2132 definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this chapter. 2133 2134 SECTION 35. Section 75-4A-106, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2135 amended as follows: 2136 75-4A-106. (a) The time of receipt of a payment order or 2137 communication cancelling or amending a payment order is determined 2138 by the rules applicable to receipt of a notice stated in Section 2139 75-1-202. A receiving bank may fix a cut-off time or times on a funds-transfer business day for the receipt and processing of 2140 2141 payment orders and communications cancelling or amending payment 2142 orders. Different cut-off times may apply to payment orders, cancellations, or amendments, or to different categories of 2143 payment orders, cancellations, or amendments. A cut-off time may 2144 2145 apply to senders generally or different cut-off times may apply to 2146 different senders or categories of payment orders. If a payment 2147 order or communication cancelling or amending a payment order is 2148 received after the close of a funds-transfer business day or after the appropriate cut-off time on a funds-transfer business day, the 2149 S. B. No. 2419

2150 receiving bank may treat the payment order or communication as2151 received at the opening of the next funds-transfer business day.

(b) If this chapter refers to an execution date or payment date or states a day on which a receiving bank is required to take action, and the date or day does not fall on a funds-transfer business day, the next day that is a funds-transfer business day is treated as the date or day stated, unless the contrary is stated in this chapter.

2158 **SECTION 36.** Section 75-4A-204, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2159 amended as follows:

75-4A-204. (a) 2160 If a receiving bank accepts a payment order issued in the name of its customer as sender which is (i) not 2161 2162 authorized and not effective as the order of the customer under Section 75-4A-202, or (ii) not enforceable, in whole or in part, 2163 2164 against the customer under Section 75-4A-203, the bank shall 2165 refund any payment of the payment order received from the customer 2166 to the extent the bank is not entitled to enforce payment and 2167 shall pay interest on the refundable amount calculated from the date the bank received payment to the date of the refund. 2168 2169 However, the customer is not entitled to interest from the bank on the amount to be refunded if the customer fails to exercise 2170 2171 ordinary care to determine that the order was not authorized by the customer and to notify the bank of the relevant facts within a 2172 reasonable time not exceeding ninety (90) days after the date the 2173 2174 customer received notification from the bank that the order was accepted or that the customer's account was debited with respect 2175 2176 to the order. The bank is not entitled to any recovery from the customer on account of a failure by the customer to give 2177 2178 notification as stated in this section.

(b) Reasonable time under subsection (a) may be fixed by agreement as stated in Section <u>75-1-302(b)</u>, but the obligation of a receiving bank to refund payment as stated in subsection (a) may not otherwise be varied by agreement.

S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 66 2183 **SECTION 37.** Section 75-5-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2184 amended as follows:

2185 75-5-103. (a) This chapter applies to letters of credit and 2186 to certain rights and obligations arising out of transactions 2187 involving letters of credit.

(b) The statement of a rule in this chapter does not by itself require, imply, or negate application of the same or a different rule to a situation not provided for, or to a person not specified, in this chapter.

(c) With the exception of this subsection, subsections (a) 2192 2193 and (d), Sections 75-5-102(a)(9) and (10), 75-5-106(d), and 2194 75-5-114(d), and except to the extent prohibited in Sections 2195 75-1-302 and 75-5-117(d), the effect of this chapter may be varied 2196 by agreement or by a provision stated or incorporated by reference 2197 in an undertaking. A term in an agreement or undertaking 2198 generally excusing liability or generally limiting remedies for 2199 failure to perform obligations is not sufficient to vary 2200 obligations prescribed by this chapter.

(d) Rights and obligations of an issuer to a beneficiary or a nominated person under a letter of credit are independent of the existence, performance or nonperformance of a contract or arrangement out of which the letter of credit arises or which underlies it, including contracts or arrangements between the issuer and the applicant and between the applicant and the beneficiary.

2208 **SECTION 38.** Section 75-7-102, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2209 amended as follows:

2210 75-7-102. (a) In this chapter, unless the context otherwise 2211 requires:

(1) "Bailee" means a person that by a warehouse
receipt, bill of lading, or other document of title acknowledges
possession of goods and contracts to deliver them.

(2) "Carrier" means a person that issues a bill oflading.

(3) "Consignee" means a person named in a bill of
lading to which or to whose order the bill promises delivery.
(4) "Consignor" means a person named in a bill of

2220 lading as the person from which the goods have been received for 2221 shipment.

(5) "Delivery order" means a record that contains an order to deliver goods directed to a warehouse, carrier, or other person that in the ordinary course of business issues warehouse receipts or bills of lading.

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(6) [Reserved]

(7) "Goods" means all things that are treated as movable for the purposes of a contract for storage or transportation.

2230 (8) "Issuer" means a bailee that issues a document of 2231 title or, in the case of an unaccepted delivery order, the person 2232 that orders the possessor of goods to deliver. The term includes 2233 a person for which an agent or employee purports to act in issuing 2234 a document if the agent or employee has real or apparent authority 2235 to issue documents, even if the issuer did not receive any goods, 2236 the goods were misdescribed, or in any other respect the agent or 2237 employee violated the issuer's instructions.

(9) "Person entitled under the document" means the holder, in the case of a negotiable document of title, or the person to which delivery of the goods is to be made by the terms of, or pursuant to instructions in a record under, a nonnegotiable document of title.

2243 (10) [Reserved]

(11) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:

(A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(B) To attach to or logically associate with the 2248 record an electronic sound, symbol, or process.

(12) "Shipper" means a person that enters into acontract of transportation with a carrier.

2251 (13) "Warehouse" means a person engaged in the business2252 of storing goods for hire.

2253 (b) Definitions in other chapters applying to this chapter 2254 and the sections in which they appear are:

2255 (1) "Contract for sale," Section 75-2-106.

(2) "Lessee in the ordinary course of business,"Section 75-2A-103.

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(3) "'Receipt' of goods," Section 75-2-103.

(c) In addition, Chapter 1 of this title contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this chapter.

2262 SECTION 39. Section 75-8-102, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2263 amended as follows:

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75-8-102. (a) In this chapter:

(1) "Adverse claim" means a claim that a claimant has a property interest in a financial asset and that it is a violation of the rights of the claimant for another person to hold, transfer, or deal with the financial asset.

(2) "Bearer form," as applied to a certificated
security, means a form in which the security is payable to the
bearer of the security certificate according to its terms but not
by reason of an indorsement.

(3) "Broker" means a person defined as a broker or
dealer under the federal securities laws, but without excluding a
bank acting in that capacity.

(4) "Certificated security" means a security that isrepresented by a certificate.

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(5) "Clearing corporation" means:

2279 A person that is registered as a "clearing (i) 2280 agency" under the federal securities laws; 2281 (ii) A federal reserve bank; or 2282 (iii) Any other person that provides clearance or 2283 settlement services with respect to financial assets that would 2284 require it to register as a clearing agency under the federal 2285 securities laws but for an exclusion or exemption from the 2286 registration requirement, if its activities as a clearing 2287 corporation, including promulgation of rules, are subject to regulation by a federal or state governmental authority. 2288 2289 (6) "Communicate" means to: 2290 Send a signed writing; or (i) 2291 (ii) Transmit information by any mechanism agreed 2292 upon by the persons transmitting and receiving the information. (7) "Entitlement holder" means a person identified in 2293 2294 the records of a securities intermediary as the person having a 2295 security entitlement against the securities intermediary. If a 2296 person acquires a security entitlement by virtue of Section 2297 75-8-501(b)(2) or (3), that person is the entitlement holder. 2298 (8) "Entitlement order" means a notification 2299 communicated to a securities intermediary directing transfer or 2300 redemption of a financial asset to which the entitlement holder 2301 has a security entitlement. 2302 "Financial asset," except as otherwise provided in (9) 2303 Section 75-8-103, means: 2304 (i) A security; 2305 (ii) An obligation of a person or a share, 2306 participation, or other interest in a person or in property or an 2307 enterprise of a person, which is, or is of a type, dealt in or 2308 traded on financial markets, or which is recognized in any area in which it is issued or dealt in as a medium for investment; or 2309 2310 (iii) Any property that is held by a securities 2311 intermediary for another person in a securities account if the S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 70

2312 securities intermediary has expressly agreed with the other person 2313 that the property is to be treated as a financial asset under this 2314 chapter. As context requires, the term means either the interest 2315 itself or the means by which a person's claim to it is evidenced, 2316 including a certificated or uncertificated security, a security 2317 certificate, or a security entitlement.

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(10) [Reserved]

(11) "Indorsement" means a signature that alone or accompanied by other words is made on a security certificate in registered form or on a separate document for the purpose of assigning, transferring, or redeeming the security or granting a power to assign, transfer, or redeem it.

(12) "Instruction" means a notification communicated to the issuer of an uncertificated security which directs that the transfer of the security be registered or that the security be redeemed.

(13) "Registered form," as applied to a certificatedsecurity, means a form in which:

(i) The security certificate specifies a personentitled to the security; and

(ii) A transfer of the security may be registered upon books maintained for that purpose by or on behalf of the issuer, or the security certificate so states.

"Securities intermediary" means:

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(i) A clearing corporation; or

(ii) A person, including a bank or broker, that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity.

(15) "Security," except as otherwise provided in
Section 75-8-103, means an obligation of an issuer or a share,
participation, or other interest in an issuer or in property or an
enterprise of an issuer:

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2344 Which is represented by a security certificate (i) 2345 in bearer or registered form, or the transfer of which may be registered upon books maintained for that purpose by or on behalf 2346 2347 of the issuer; 2348 (ii) Which is one of a class or series or by its 2349 terms is divisible into a class or series of shares, 2350 participations, interests, or obligations; and 2351 (iii) Which: 2352 (A) Is, or is of a type, dealt in or traded 2353 on securities exchanges or securities markets; or 2354 (B) Is a medium for investment and by its 2355 terms expressly provides that it is a security governed by this 2356 chapter. 2357 (16)"Security certificate" means a certificate 2358 representing a security. 2359 (17)"Security entitlement" means the rights and property interest of an entitlement holder with respect to a 2360 2361 financial asset specified in Part 5 of this chapter. 2362 (18) "Uncertificated security" means a security that is 2363 not represented by a certificate. 2364 Other definitions applying to this chapter and the (b) 2365 sections in which they appear are: Section 75-8-107 2366 Appropriate person Section 75-8-106 Control 2367 2368 Delivery Section 75-8-301 2369 Section 75-8-103 Investment company security Section 75-8-201 2370 Issuer 2371 Overissue Section 75-8-210 Section 75-8-303 2372 Protected purchaser 2373 Securities account Section 75-8-501 (c) In addition, Chapter 1 contains general definitions and 2374 2375 principles of construction and interpretation applicable 2376 throughout this chapter.
(d) The characterization of a person, business, or transaction for purposes of this chapter does not determine the characterization of the person, business, or transaction for purposes of any other law, regulation, or rule.

2381 SECTION 40. Section 75-9-102, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2382 amended as follows:

2383 75-9-102. (a) In this article:

(1) "Accession" means goods that are physically united with other goods in such a manner that the identity of the original goods is not lost.

2387 (2)"Account," except as used in "account for," means a 2388 right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether or not earned 2389 by performance, (i) for property that has been or is to be sold, 2390 leased, licensed, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, (ii) for 2391 services rendered or to be rendered, (iii) for a policy of insurance issued or to be issued, (iv) for a secondary obligation 2392 incurred or to be incurred, (v) for energy provided or to be 2393 2394 provided, (vi) for the use or hire of a vessel under a charter or 2395 other contract, (vii) arising out of the use of a credit or charge 2396 card or information contained on or for use with the card, or 2397 (viii) as winnings in a lottery or other game of chance operated 2398 or sponsored by a state, governmental unit of a state, or person 2399 licensed or authorized to operate the game by a state or governmental unit of a state. The term includes 2400 2401 health-care-insurance receivables. The term does not include (i) rights to payment evidenced by chattel paper or an instrument, 2402 2403 (ii) commercial tort claims, (iii) deposit accounts, (iv) 2404 investment property, (v) letter-of-credit rights or letters of 2405 credit, or (vi) rights to payment for money or funds advanced or 2406 sold, other than rights arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card. 2407 2408 (3) "Account debtor" means a person obligated on an

2409 account, chattel paper, or general intangible. The term does not

include persons obligated to pay a negotiable instrument, even if 2410 2411 the instrument constitutes part of chattel paper. (4) "Accounting," except as used in "accounting for," 2412 2413 means a record: 2414 (A) Authenticated by a secured party; 2415 Indicating the aggregate unpaid secured (B) 2416 obligations as of a date not more than thirty-five (35) days 2417 earlier or thirty-five (35) days later than the date of the 2418 record; and Identifying the components of the obligations 2419 (C) 2420 in reasonable detail. 2421 (5) "Agricultural lien" means an interest in farm 2422 products: 2423 Which secures payment or performance of an (A) 2424 obligation for: 2425 Goods or services furnished in connection (i) with a debtor's farming operation; or 2426 2427 (ii) Rent on real property leased by a debtor 2428 in connection with its farming operation; 2429 (B) Which is created by statute in favor of a 2430 person that: 2431 (i) In the ordinary course of its business furnished goods or services to a debtor in connection with a 2432 debtor's farming operation; or 2433 2434 (ii) Leased real property to a debtor in 2435 connection with the debtor's farming operation; and 2436 (C) Whose effectiveness does not depend on the 2437 person's possession of the personal property. "As-extracted collateral" means: 2438 (6) 2439 Oil, gas, or other minerals that are subject (A) to a security interest that: 2440 2441 (i) Is created by a debtor having an interest 2442 in the minerals before extraction; and S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 74

2443 (ii) Attaches to the minerals as extracted; 2444 or

(B) Accounts arising out of the sale at the
wellhead or minehead of oil, gas, or other minerals in which the
debtor had an interest before extraction.

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(7) "Authenticate" means:

(A) To sign; or

(B) To execute or otherwise adopt a symbol, or encrypt or similarly process a record in whole or in part, with the present intent of the authenticating person to identify the person and adopt or accept a record.

(8) "Bank" means an organization that is engaged in the
business of banking. The term includes savings banks, savings and
loan associations, credit unions, and trust companies.

(9) "Cash proceeds" means proceeds that are money,checks, deposit accounts, or the like.

(10) "Certificate of title" means a certificate of title with respect to which a statute provides for the security interest in question to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral.

2464 (11) "Chattel paper" means a record or records that 2465 evidence both a monetary obligation and a security interest in specific goods, a security interest in specific goods and software 2466 2467 used in the goods, a security interest in specific goods and 2468 license of software used in the goods, a lease of specific goods, 2469 or a lease of specific goods and license of software used in the 2470 In this paragraph, "monetary obligation" means a monetary goods. 2471 obligation secured by the goods or owed under a lease of the goods 2472 and includes a monetary obligation with respect to software used in the goods. The term does not include (i) charters or other 2473 2474 contracts involving the use or hire of a vessel or (ii) records that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a 2475

S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 75 credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with 2476 2477 the card. If a transaction is evidenced by records that include an instrument or series of instruments, the group of records taken 2478 2479 together constitutes chattel paper. 2480 (12)"Collateral" means the property subject to a 2481 security interest or agricultural lien. The term includes: 2482 (A) Proceeds to which a security interest 2483 attaches; 2484 (B) Accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, 2485 and promissory notes that have been sold; and 2486 (C) Goods that are the subject of a consignment. "Commercial tort claim" means a claim arising in 2487 (13)2488 tort with respect to which: The claimant is an organization; or 2489 (A) 2490 (B) The claimant is an individual and the claim: 2491 Arose in the course of the claimant's (i) 2492 business or profession; and 2493 (ii) Does not include damages arising out of 2494 personal injury to or the death of an individual. 2495 (14)"Commodity account" means an account maintained by 2496 a commodity intermediary in which a commodity contract is carried 2497 for a commodity customer. 2498 (15)"Commodity contract" means a commodity futures 2499 contract, an option on a commodity futures contract, a commodity 2500 option, or another contract if the contract or option is: 2501 Traded on or subject to the rules of a board (A) 2502 of trade that has been designated as a contract market for such a 2503 contract pursuant to federal commodities laws; or 2504 Traded on a foreign commodity board of trade, (B) 2505 exchange, or market, and is carried on the books of a commodity 2506 intermediary for a commodity customer. 2507 (16)"Commodity customer" means a person for which a 2508 commodity intermediary carries a commodity contract on its books. S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG

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2509 (17)"Commodity intermediary" means a person that: 2510 (A) Is registered as a futures commission merchant under federal commodities law; or 2511 2512 (B) In the ordinary course of its business 2513 provides clearance or settlement services for a board of trade 2514 that has been designated as a contract market pursuant to federal 2515 commodities law. (18) "Communicate" means: 2516 2517 (A) To send a written or other tangible record; 2518 (B) To transmit a record by any means agreed upon 2519 by the persons sending and receiving the record; or 2520 In the case of transmission of a record to or (C) 2521 by a filing office, to transmit a record by any means prescribed by filing-office rule. 2522 "Consignee" means a merchant to which goods are 2523 (19)2524 delivered in a consignment. "Consignment" means a transaction, regardless of 2525 (20) 2526 its form, in which a person delivers goods to a merchant for the purpose of sale and: 2527 2528 (A) The merchant: 2529 Deals in goods of that kind under a name (i) 2530 other than the name of the person making delivery; 2531 (ii) Is not an auctioneer; and 2532 (iii) Is not generally known by its creditors 2533 to be substantially engaged in selling the goods of others; 2534 With respect to each delivery, the aggregate (B) 2535 value of the goods is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more at 2536 the time of delivery; 2537 (C) The goods are not consumer goods immediately 2538 before delivery; and 2539 (D) The transaction does not create a security 2540 interest that secures an obligation.

2541 (21) "Consignor" means a person that delivers goods to 2542 a consignee in a consignment.

2543 (22) "Consumer debtor" means a debtor in a consumer 2544 transaction.

(23) "Consumer goods" means goods that are used or bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

2548 (24) "Consumer-goods transaction" means a consumer 2549 transaction in which:

(A) An individual incurs an obligation primarilyfor personal, family, or household purposes; and

(B) A security interest in consumer goods securesthe obligation.

(25) "Consumer obligor" means an obligor who is an
individual and who incurred the obligation as part of a
transaction entered into primarily for personal, family, or
household purposes.

(26) "Consumer transaction" means a transaction in which (i) an individual incurs an obligation primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, (ii) a security interest secures the obligation, and (iii) the collateral is held or acquired primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. The term includes consumer-goods transactions.

2564 (27) "Continuation statement" means an amendment of a 2565 financing statement which:

(A) Identifies, by its file number, the initialfinancing statement to which it relates; and

(B) Indicates that it is a continuation statement for, or that it is filed to continue the effectiveness of, the identified financing statement.

2571 (28) "Debtor" means:

2572 A person having an interest, other than a (A) 2573 security interest or other lien, in the collateral, whether or not 2574 the person is an obligor; 2575 (B) A seller of accounts, chattel paper, payment 2576 intangibles, or promissory notes; or 2577 (C) A consignee. (29) 2578 "Deposit account" means a demand, time, savings, passbook, or similar account maintained with a bank. The term 2579 does not include investment property or accounts evidenced by an 2580 2581 instrument. 2582 (30)"Document" means a document of title or a receipt 2583 of the type described in Section 75-7-201(b). 2584 (31)"Electronic chattel paper" means chattel paper 2585 evidenced by a record or records consisting of information stored 2586 in an electronic medium. 2587 (32) "Encumbrance" means a right, other than an ownership interest, in real property. The term includes mortgages 2588 2589 and other liens on real property. 2590 (33) "Equipment" means goods other than inventory, farm 2591 products, or consumer goods. 2592 (34) "Farm products" means goods, other than standing 2593 timber, with respect to which the debtor is engaged in a farming 2594 operation and which are: 2595 (A) Crops grown, growing, or to be grown, 2596 including: 2597 (i) Crops produced on trees, vines, and 2598 bushes; and 2599 (ii) Aquatic goods produced in aquacultural 2600 operations; 2601 (B) Livestock, born or unborn, including aquatic 2602 goods produced in aquacultural operations; 2603 (C) Supplies used or produced in a farming operation; or 2604 S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 79

2605 (D) Products of crops or livestock in their 2606 unmanufactured states.

(35) "Farming operation" means raising, cultivating,
propagating, fattening, grazing, or any other farming, livestock
or aquacultural operation.

(36) "File number" means the number assigned to aninitial financing statement pursuant to Section 75-9-519(a).

2612 (37) "Filing office" means an office designated in2613 Section 75-9-501 as the place to file a financing statement.

2614 (38) "Filing-office rule" means a rule adopted pursuant2615 to Section 75-9-526.

(39) "Financing statement" means a record or records
composed of an initial financing statement and any filed record
relating to the initial financing statement.

(40) "Fixture filing" means the filing of a financing statement covering goods that are or are to become fixtures and satisfying Section 75-9-502(a) and (b). The term includes the filing of a financing statement covering goods of a transmitting utility which are or are to become fixtures.

(41) "Fixtures" means goods that have become so related to particular real property that an interest in them arises under real property law.

(42) "General intangible" means any personal property,
including things in action, other than accounts, chattel paper,
commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, goods,
instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters
of credit, money, and oil, gas, or other minerals before
extraction. The term includes payment intangibles and software.

2633 (43) [Reserved]

(44) "Goods" means all things that are movable when a
security interest attaches. The term includes (i) fixtures, (ii)
standing timber that is to be cut and removed under a conveyance
or contract for sale, (iii) the unborn young of animals, (iv)

crops grown, growing, or to be grown, even if the crops are 2638 2639 produced on trees, vines, or bushes, (v) farm-raised fish produced 2640 in fresh water according to the usual and customary techniques of 2641 commercial agriculture, (vi) manufactured homes and (vii) marine 2642 vessels (herein defined as every type of watercraft used, or 2643 capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water) 2644 including both marine vessels under construction, including engines and all items of equipment installed or to be installed 2645 2646 therein, whether such vessels are being constructed by the shipbuilder for his own use or for sale (said vessels under 2647 2648 construction being classified as inventory within the meaning of Section 75-9-102(48)), and marine vessels after completion of 2649 2650 construction so long as such vessels have not become "vessels of 2651 the United States" within the meaning of the Ship Mortgage Act of 2652 1920, 46 USCS, Section 911(4), as same is now written or may 2653 hereafter be amended (said completed vessels being classified as equipment within the meaning of Section 75-9-102(33)). The term 2654 2655 also includes a computer program embedded in goods and any 2656 supporting information provided in connection with a transaction 2657 relating to the program if (i) the program is associated with the goods in such a manner that it customarily is considered part of 2658 2659 the goods, or (ii) by becoming the owner of the goods, a person 2660 acquires a right to use the program in connection with the goods. 2661 The term does not include a computer program embedded in goods 2662 that consist solely of the medium in which the program is 2663 embedded. The term also does not include accounts, chattel paper, 2664 commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general 2665 intangibles, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit 2666 rights, letters of credit, money, or oil, gas, or other minerals 2667 before extraction.

(45) "Governmental unit" means a subdivision, agency,
department, county, parish, municipality or other unit of the
government of the United States, a state, or a foreign country.

The term includes an organization having a separate corporate existence if the organization is eligible to issue debt on which interest is exempt from income taxation under the laws of the United States.

(46) "Health-care-insurance receivable" means an interest in or claim under a policy of insurance which is a right to payment of a monetary obligation for health-care goods or services provided or to be provided.

2679 (47) "Instrument" means a negotiable instrument or any 2680 other writing that evidences a right to the payment of a monetary 2681 obligation, is not itself a security agreement or lease, and is of a type that in ordinary course of business is transferred by 2682 2683 delivery with any necessary endorsement or assignment. The term does not include (i) investment property, (ii) letters of credit, 2684 2685 or (iii) writings that evidence a right to payment arising out of 2686 the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card. 2687

2688 (48) "Inventory" means goods, other than farm products, 2689 which:

Are leased by a person as lessor;

2691 (B) Are held by a person for sale or lease or to 2692 be furnished under a contract of service;

2693 (C) Are furnished by a person under a contract of 2694 service; or

(D) Consist of raw materials, work in process ormaterials used or consumed in a business.

2697 (49) "Investment property" means a security, whether2698 certificated or uncertificated, security entitlement, securities2699 account, commodity contract, or commodity account.

(50) "Jurisdiction of organization," with respect to a registered organization, means the jurisdiction under whose law the organization is organized.

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(51) "Letter-of-credit right" means a right to payment or performance under a letter of credit, whether or not the beneficiary has demanded or is at the time entitled to demand payment or performance. The term does not include the right of a beneficiary to demand payment or performance under a letter of credit.

2710 (A) A creditor that has acquired a lien on the 2711 property involved by attachment, levy, or the like;

(52) "Lien creditor" means:

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(B) An assignee for benefit of creditors from thetime of assignment;

(C) A trustee in bankruptcy from the date of thefiling of the petition; or

(D) A receiver in equity from the time ofappointment.

2718 (53) "Manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling 2719 2720 mode, is eight (8) body feet or more in width or forty (40) body 2721 feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is three hundred 2722 twenty (320) or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or 2723 2724 without a permanent foundation when connected to the required 2725 utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. The term includes any 2726 2727 structure that meets all of the requirements of this paragraph 2728 except the size requirements and with respect to which the 2729 manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the 2730 United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and 2731 complies with the standards established under Title 42 of the 2732 United States Code.

2733 (54) "Manufactured-home transaction" means a secured 2734 transaction:

(A) That creates a purchase-money security
interest in a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home
held as inventory; or

(B) In which a manufactured home, other than amanufactured home held as inventory, is the primary collateral.

(55) "Mortgage" means a consensual interest in real property, including fixtures, which secures payment or performance of an obligation. "Mortgage" shall mean and include a deed of trust.

(56) "New debtor" means a person that becomes bound as debtor under Section 75-9-203(d) by a security agreement previously entered into by another person.

(57) "New value" means (i) money, (ii) money's worth in property, services, or new credit, or (iii) release by a transferee of an interest in property previously transferred to the transferee. The term does not include an obligation substituted for another obligation.

(58) "Noncash proceeds" means proceeds other than cashproceeds.

2754 (59) "Obligor" means a person that, with respect to an 2755 obligation secured by a security interest in or an agricultural 2756 lien on the collateral, (i) owes payment or other performance of 2757 the obligation, (ii) has provided property other than the 2758 collateral to secure payment or other performance of the 2759 obligation, or (iii) is otherwise accountable in whole or in part 2760 for payment or other performance of the obligation. The term does 2761 not include issuers or nominated persons under a letter of credit. 2762

(60) "Original debtor," except as used in Section 75-9-310(c), means a person that, as debtor, entered into a security agreement to which a new debtor has become bound under Section 75-9-203(d).

2766 "Payment intangible" means a general intangible (61) 2767 under which the account debtor's principal obligation is a 2768 monetary obligation. 2769 (62) "Person related to," with respect to an 2770 individual, means: 2771 (A) The spouse of the individual; 2772 A brother, brother-in-law, sister, or (B) sister-in-law of the individual; 2773 2774 (C) An ancestor or lineal descendant of the individual or the individual's spouse; or 2775 2776 (D) Any other relative, by blood or marriage, of 2777 the individual or the individual's spouse who shares the same home 2778 with the individual. 2779 (63)"Person related to," with respect to an 2780 organization, means: 2781 (A) A person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the organization; 2782 2783 (B) An officer or director of, or a person 2784 performing similar functions with respect to, the organization; 2785 (C) An officer or director of, or a person 2786 performing similar functions with respect to, a person described 2787 in subparagraph (A); 2788 (D) The spouse of an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); or 2789 2790 (E) An individual who is related by blood or 2791 marriage to an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) and shares the same home with the individual. 2792 2793 "Proceeds," except as used in Section 75-9-609(b), (64) 2794 means the following property: 2795 Whatever is acquired upon the sale, lease, (A) 2796 license, exchange or other disposition of collateral; 2797 (B) Whatever is collected on, or distributed on account of, collateral; 2798 S. B. No. 2419 10/SS26/R473SG

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2799 (C) Rights arising out of collateral;

(D) To the extent of the value of collateral,
claims arising out of the loss, nonconformity, or interference
with the use of, defects or infringement of rights in, or damage
to, the collateral; or

(E) To the extent of the value of collateral and
to the extent payable to the debtor or the secured party,
insurance payable by reason of the loss or nonconformity of,
defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the
collateral.

2809 (64A) "Production-money crops" means crops that secure 2810 a production-money obligation incurred with respect to the 2811 production of those crops.

(64B) "Production-money obligation" means an obligation of an obligor incurred for new value given to enable the debtor to produce crops if the value is in fact used for the production of the crops.

(64C) "Production of crops" includes tilling and
otherwise preparing land for growing, planting, cultivating,
fertilizing, irrigating, harvesting and gathering crops, and
protecting them from damage or disease.

(65) "Promissory note" means an instrument that evidences a promise to pay a monetary obligation, does not evidence an order to pay, and does not contain an acknowledgment by a bank that the bank has received for deposit a sum of money or funds.

(66) "Proposal" means a record authenticated by a secured party which includes the terms on which the secured party is willing to accept collateral in full or partial satisfaction of the obligation it secures pursuant to Sections 75-9-620, 75-9-621, and 75-9-622.

2830 (67) "Public-finance transaction" means a secured 2831 transaction in connection with which:

2832 (A) Debt securities are issued;

(B) All or a portion of the securities issued have
an initial stated maturity of at least twenty (20) years; and

(C) The debtor, obligor, secured party, account debtor or other person obligated on collateral, assignor or assignee of a secured obligation, or assignor or assignee of a security interest is a state or a governmental unit of a state.

(68) "Pursuant to commitment," with respect to an advance made or other value given by a secured party, means pursuant to the secured party's obligation, whether or not a subsequent event of default or other event not within the secured party's control has relieved or may relieve the secured party from its obligation.

(69) "Record," except as used in "for record," "of record," "record or legal title," and "record owner," means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or which is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

(70) "Registered organization" means an organization organized solely under the law of a single state or the United States and as to which the state or the United States must maintain a public record showing the organization to have been organized.

2855 (71) "Secondary obligor" means an obligor to the extent 2856 that:

(A) The obligor's obligation is secondary; or
(B) The obligor has a right of recourse with
respect to an obligation secured by collateral against the debtor,
another obligor, or property of either.

2861 (72) "Secured party" means:

(A) A person in whose favor a security interest is
created or provided for under a security agreement, whether or not
any obligation to be secured is outstanding;

2865 A person that holds an agricultural lien; (B) 2866 (C) A consignor; A person to which accounts, chattel paper, 2867 (D) 2868 payment intangibles, or promissory notes have been sold; 2869 (E) A trustee, indenture trustee, agent, 2870 collateral agent, or other representative in whose favor a 2871 security interest or agricultural lien is created or provided for; 2872 or 2873 (F) A person that holds a security interest arising under Section 75-2-401, 75-2-505, 75-2-711(3), 2874 2875 75-2A-508(5), 75-4-210, or 75-5-118. 2876 (73) "Security agreement" means an agreement that 2877 creates or provides for a security interest. 2878 (74)"Send," in connection with a record or notification, means: 2879 To deposit in the mail, deliver for 2880 (A) transmission, or transmit by any other usual means of 2881 2882 communication, with postage or cost of transmission provided for, addressed to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or 2883 2884 (B) To cause the record or notification to be 2885 received within the time that it would have been received if 2886 properly sent under subparagraph (A). 2887 (75) "Software" means a computer program and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction 2888 2889 relating to the program. The term does not include a computer program that is included in the definition of goods. 2890 "State" means a state of the United States, the 2891 (76) 2892 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin 2893 Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the 2894 jurisdiction of the United States. "Supporting obligation" means a letter-of-credit 2895 (77) 2896 right or secondary obligation that supports the payment or

performance of an account, chattel paper, a document, a general 2897 2898 intangible, an instrument, or investment property. 2899 (78)"Tangible chattel paper" means chattel paper 2900 evidenced by a record or records consisting of information that is 2901 inscribed on a tangible medium. 2902 (79) "Termination statement" means an amendment of a financing statement which: 2903 2904 Identifies, by its file number, the initial (A) financing statement to which it relates; and 2905 2906 (B) Indicates either that it is a termination 2907 statement or that the identified financing statement is no longer 2908 effective. 2909 (80) "Transmitting utility" means a person primarily 2910 engaged in the business of: 2911 Operating a railroad, subway, street railway, (A) 2912 or trolley bus; Transmitting communications electrically, 2913 (B) 2914 electromagnetically, or by light; 2915 Transmitting goods by pipeline or sewer; or (C) 2916 Transmitting or producing and transmitting (D) 2917 electricity, steam, gas, or water. 2918 (b) The following definitions in other articles apply to 2919 this article: Section 75-5-102 2920 "Applicant" 2921 "Beneficiary" Section 75-5-102 2922 "Broker" Section 75-8-102 2923 "Certificated security" Section 75-8-102 2924 "Check" Section 75-3-104 Section 75-8-102 2925 "Clearing corporation" 2926 "Contract for sale" Section 75-2-106 Section 75-7-106 2927 "Control" 2928 "Customer" Section 75-4-104 Section 75-8-102 2929 "Entitlement holder" S. B. No. 2419

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2930	"Financial asset"	Section 75-8-102
2931	"Holder in due course"	Section 75-3-302
2932	"Issuer" (with respect to	
2933	a letter of credit or	
2934	letter-of-credit right)	Section 75-5-102
2935	"Issuer" (with respect to a	
2936	security)	Section 75-8-201
2937	"Issuer" (with respect to	
2938	documents of title)	Section 75-7-102
2939	"Lease"	Section 75-2A-103
2940	"Lease agreement"	Section 75-2A-103
2941	"Lease contract"	Section 75-2A-103
2942	"Leasehold interest"	Section 75-2A-103
2943	"Lessee"	Section 75-2A-103
2944	"Lessee in ordinary course	
2945	of business"	Section 75-2A-103
2946	"Lessor"	Section 75-2A-103
2947	"Lessor's residual interest"	Section 75-2A-103
2948	"Letter of credit"	Section 75-5-102
2949	"Merchant"	Section 75-2-104
2950	"Negotiable instrument"	Section 75-3-104
2951	"Nominated person"	Section 75-5-102
2952	"Note"	Section 75-3-104
2953	"Proceeds of a letter of	
2954	credit"	Section 75-5-114
2955	"Prove"	Section 75-3-103
2956	"Sale"	Section 75-2-106
2957	"Securities account"	Section 75-8-501
2958	"Securities intermediary"	Section 75-8-102
2959	"Security"	Section 75-8-102
2960	"Security certificate"	Section 75-8-102
2961	"Security entitlement"	Section 75-8-102
2962	"Uncertificated security"	Section 75-8-102
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10/SS26/R473SG PAGE 90 (c) Article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this article.

2966 **SECTION 41.** The following shall be codified as Section 2967 79-13-505, Mississippi Code of 1972:

2968 79-13-505. Enforceability of limitations on assignments of partnership interests. Sections 75-9-406 and 75-9-408 do not 2969 2970 apply to a partnership interest in a partnership formed under the 2971 laws of Mississippi, including the rights, powers and interests arising under a certificate of partnership or partnership 2972 2973 agreement or under this chapter. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between this section and Sections 75-9-406 and 2974 2975 75-9-408, this section prevails. It is the express intent of this 2976 section to permit the enforcement, as a contract among the 2977 partners of a partnership, of any provision of a partnership 2978 agreement that would otherwise be ineffective under Sections 75-9-406 and 75-9-408. 2979

2980 SECTION 42. The following shall be codified as Section 2981 79-14-706, Mississippi Code of 1972:

2982 79-14-706. Enforceability of limitations on assignments of 2983 limited partnership interests. Sections 75-9-406 and 75-9-408 do 2984 not apply to a limited partnership interest in a limited 2985 partnership formed under the laws of Mississippi, including the 2986 rights, powers and interests arising under the certificate of 2987 limited partnership or limited partnership agreement or under this chapter. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between 2988 this section and Sections 75-9-406 and 75-9-408, this section 2989 2990 prevails. It is the express intent of this section to permit the 2991 enforcement, as a contract among the partners of a limited 2992 partnership, of any provision of a limited partnership agreement that would otherwise be ineffective under Sections 75-9-406 and 2993 2994 75-9-408.

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2995 **SECTION 43.** The following shall be codified as Section 2996 1-3-81, Mississippi Code of 1972:

2997 1-3-81. (1) "Caption" means the words used to describe the 2998 substance of a title, chapter, article, subarticle, part or 2999 section of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

3000 (2) Captions shall not constitute a part of the Mississippi3001 Code of 1972 unless specifically so provided by law.

3002 The wording of captions that are not specifically (3) 3003 provided to constitute law shall be editorial in nature and may be revised by a publisher of the code as the publisher deems 3004 3005 appropriate. There shall be no exclusive right in any publisher 3006 of the code to the use of a caption that has appeared in any bill 3007 that is approved by the Governor, has become law without the 3008 Governor's signature, or is approved by the Legislature subsequent 3009 to a veto; captions that have appeared in such a bill shall be 3010 subject to editorial revision without legislative action.

3011 SECTION 44. Sections 75-1-101, 75-1-102, 75-1-103, 75-1-104, 3012 75-1-105, 75-1-106, 75-1-107, 75-1-108, 75-1-109, 75-1-110, 3013 75-1-201, 75-1-202, 75-1-203, 75-1-204, 75-1-205, 75-1-206, 3014 75-1-207 and 75-1-208, Mississippi Code of 1972, which comprise 3015 the Uniform Commercial Code Article 1 - General Provisions, are 3016 repealed.

3017 SECTION 45. Section 75-2-208, Mississippi Code of 1972, 3018 which provides for the practical construction of "course of 3019 performance" for purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code Article 2 3020 - Sales, is repealed, the substance thereof being reenacted in 3021 Article 1 - General Provisions.

3022 SECTION 46. Section 75-2A-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, 3023 which provides for the practical construction of "course of 3024 performance" for purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code Article 3025 2A - Leases, is repealed, the substance thereof being reenacted in 3026 Article 1 - General Provisions.

3027 SECTION 47. This act shall take effect and be in force from 3028 and after July 1, 2010.