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## HOUSE BILL NO. 345

AN ACT TO CONFORM TO CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE MODEL ACT FOR THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE; TO AMEND SECTION 11-7-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM THE LAW ON IMPLIED WARRANTIES, LIMITATIONS AND DISCLAIMERS TO THE NONUNIFORM CHOICE OF LAW PROVISIONS IN THE MISSISSIPPI ENACTMENT OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 15-1-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A SIX-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR NONNEGOTIABLE PROMISSORY NOTES; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE 8 OF 1972, TO ENACT SHORT TITLES FOR THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AND 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 25 75-1-202, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY WHEN BOTH NOTICE 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 OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR PRESUMPTIONS OF FACT; TO CREATE NEW 32 SECTION 75-1-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR 33 TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-302, 34 35 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR VARIATION BY AGREEMENT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 36 DEFINE COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, COURSE OF DEALING, AND USAGE OF 37 TRADE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-304, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 38 TO REQUIRE GOOD FAITH; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-305, MISSISSIPPI 39 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR LIBERAL ADMINISTRATION OF REMEDIES; 40 41 TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-306, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER OR RENUNCIATION OF CLAIM OR RIGHT UPON BREACH; 42 43 TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE BY THIRD-PARTY DOCUMENTS; TO 44 45 CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-308, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR PERFORMANCE OR ACCEPTANCE UNDER RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; TO

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    CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW
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    THE OPTION TO ACCELERATE AT WILL; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 75-1-310,
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    MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBORDINATION OF
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    OBLIGATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 75-2-103, 75-2-107, 75-2-202,
    75-2-315.1, 75-2A-103, 75-2A-501, 75-2A-51, 75-2A-518, 75-2A-527,
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    75-2A-528, 75-3-103, 75-3-106, 75-3-116, 75-3-119, 75-3-305,
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    75-3-309, 75-3-312, 75-3-415, 75-3-416, 75-3-417, 75-3-419,
    75-3-602, 75-3-604, 75-3-605, 75-4-104, 75-4-105, 75-4-207,
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    75-4-208, 75-4-212, 75-4-301, 75-4-403, 75-4A-105, 75-4A-106,
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    75-4A-204, 75-5-103, 75-7-102, 75-8-102 AND 75-9-102, MISSISSIPPI
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    CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 79-13-505,
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    MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEABILITY OF
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    LIMITATIONS ON ASSIGNMENTS OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS; TO CREATE NEW
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    SECTION 79-14-706, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE
    ENFORCEABILITY OF LIMITATIONS ON ASSIGNMENTS OF LIMITED
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    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,
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    1972, WHICH COMPRISE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 1 -
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    GENERAL PROVISIONS, AND ARE BEING REPLACED BY REVISED ARTICLE 1 -
    GENERAL PROVISIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 75-2-208, MISSISSIPPI CODE
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    OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PRACTICAL CONSTRUCTION OF "COURSE
    OF PERFORMANCE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE
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    75-2A-207, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE
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    PRACTICAL CONSTRUCTION OF "COURSE OF PERFORMANCE" FOR PURPOSES OF
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    THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 2A - LEASES, THE SUBSTANCE
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    THEREOF BEING REENACTED IN REVISED ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS;
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    AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
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          BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
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                      Section 11-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
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    amended as follows:
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          11-7-18.
                   Except as otherwise provided in Sections 75-2-314,
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    remedies or disclaimer of liability as to any implied warranty of
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- merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose <u>in a sale to a</u> consumer, as defined in Section 75-1-201(b)(11), of consumer
- goods, as defined in Section 75-9-102(a)(23). The provisions of
- this section may not be waived or varied by agreement.
- 88 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 89 15-1-81, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 90  $\underline{15-1-81}$ . Actions on nonnegotiable promissory notes. (1) An
- 91 action to enforce the obligations of a party to pay a
- 92 nonnegotiable promissory note payable at a definite time must be

- commenced within six (6) years after the due date or dates stated in the promissory note, or if a due date is accelerated, within six (6) years after the accelerated date.
- 96 If demand for payment is made to the maker of a 97 nonnegotiable promissory note payable on demand, an action to 98 enforce the obligation of a party to pay the promissory note must 99 be commenced within six (6) years after the demand. If no demand 100 for payment is made to the maker, an action to enforce the 101 promissory note is barred if neither principal nor interest on the promissory note has been paid for a continuous period of ten (10) 102 103 years.
- 104 (3) For purposes of this section, a "nonnegotiable 105 promissory note" is an unconditional written undertaking to pay 106 absolutely and in any event a fixed amount of money signed by the 107 person undertaking to pay the money that is not an "instrument" 108 under Section 75-3-104(b). Nonnegotiable promissory notes for purposes of this section include, but are not limited to, 109 110 promissory notes that: (a) bear a variable rate of interest or 111 provide for interest by reference to information not contained in 112 the promissory note; (b) provide for interest after default; (c) 113 are nonrecourse to the person undertaking to pay the money; or (d) qualify as "instruments" under Section 75-9-102(a)(47). 114
- 115 (4) This section shall not apply to negotiable promissory notes, drafts, checks, certificates of deposit or any other 116 117 instrument or item for which Section 75-3-118 provides the 118 applicable statute of limitations. Neither a lease nor a security 119 agreement is a promissory note for purposes of this section. A 120 promissory note is not investment property as defined in Section 121 75-9-102(a)(49), a letter of credit, or writings that evidence a 122 right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card. It is the 123 124 intention of this section that a "note," as defined in Section

- 125 75-3-104(e), and nonnegotiable promissory notes, as defined in
- 126 this section, shall have the same statutes of limitations.
- 127 (5) This section shall not apply to obligations arising from
- 128 retail installment contracts. For purposes of this section, a
- 129 "retail installment contract" is a contract for the sale of goods
- 130 under which the buyer makes periodic payments and the seller
- 131 retains a security interest in the goods. For the purposes of
- 132 this section, "goods" have the same meaning as the definition of
- 133 "goods" in Section 75-9-102(a)(44).
- 134 (6) This section takes effect on July 1, 2012, and shall
- 135 apply to all nonnegotiable promissory notes for which the statute
- 136 of limitations in effect immediately prior to that date has not
- 137 run. This section shall have no application to promissory notes
- 138 for which the statute of limitations has run prior to July 1,
- 139 2012.
- 140 **SECTION 3.** The following is revised Article 1 General
- 141 Provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and shall be codified
- 142 in Title 75, Chapter 1, Mississippi Code of 1972, to replace Title
- 143 75, Chapter 1, Parts 1 and 2, that are repealed in Section 44 of
- 144 this act:
- 145 PART 1.
- 146 GENERAL PROVISIONS.
- Section 75-1-101. Short title. (a) Chapters 1 through 10
- 148 of Title 75 shall be known and may be cited as the Uniform
- 149 Commercial Code.
- 150 (b) This chapter may be cited as Article 1 when referring to
- 151 the general provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code or as
- 152 Uniform Commercial Code General Provisions.
- 153 (c) Chapters 1 through 10 of Title 75 are numbered to
- 154 correspond to the numbering of the articles of the Uniform
- 155 Commercial Code and may be referred to as "Articles."



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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

164 (1) To simplify, clarify, and modernize the law 165 governing commercial transactions;

166 (2) To permit the continued expansion of commercial 167 practices through custom, usage, and agreement of the parties; and

168 (3) To make uniform the law among the various 169 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.

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

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

188	Section	75-1-106.	Use	of	singular	and	plural;	gender.	In

- 189 the Uniform Commercial Code, unless the statutory context
- 190 otherwise requires:
- 191 (1) Words in the singular number include the plural,
- 192 and those in the plural include the singular; and
- 193 (2) Words of any gender also refer to any other gender.
- 194 Section 75-1-107. Section captions. Section captions are
- 195 part of the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 196 Section 75-1-108. Relation to Electronic Signatures in
- 197 Global and National Commerce Act. This article modifies, limits,
- 198 and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and
- 199 National Commerce Act, 15 USCS Section 7001 et seq., except that
- 200 nothing in this article modifies, limits, or supersedes Section
- 201 7001(c) of that act or authorizes electronic delivery of any of
- 202 the notices described in Section 7003(b) of that act.
- 203 PART 2.
- 204 GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION.
- 205 Section 75-1-201. General definitions. (a) Unless the
- 206 context otherwise requires, words or phrases defined in this
- 207 section, or in the additional definitions contained in other
- 208 articles of the Uniform Commercial Code contained in other
- 209 chapters of this title that apply to particular chapters or parts
- 210 thereof, have the meanings stated.
- 211 (b) Subject to definitions contained in other articles of
- 212 the Uniform Commercial Code that apply to particular articles or
- 213 parts thereof:
- 214 (1) "Action," in the sense of a judicial proceeding,
- 215 includes recoupment, counterclaim, setoff, suit in equity, and any
- 216 other proceeding in which rights are determined.
- 217 (2) "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to pursue
- 218 a remedy.
- 219 (3) "Agreement," as distinguished from "contract,"
- 220 means the bargain of the parties in fact, as found in their

- 221 language or inferred from other circumstances, including course of
- 222 performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade as provided in
- 223 Section 75-1-303.
- 224 (4) "Bank" means a person engaged in the business of
- 225 banking and includes a savings bank, savings and loan association,
- 226 credit union, and trust company.
- 227 (5) "Bearer" means a person in possession of a
- 228 negotiable instrument, document of title, or certificated security
- 229 that is payable to bearer or indorsed in blank.
- 230 (6) "Bill of lading" means a document evidencing the
- 231 receipt of goods for shipment issued by a person engaged in the
- 232 business of transporting or forwarding goods.
- 233 (7) "Branch" includes a separately incorporated foreign
- 234 branch of a bank.
- 235 (8) "Burden of establishing a fact" means the burden of
- 236 persuading the trier of fact that the existence of the fact is
- 237 more probable than its nonexistence.
- 238 (9) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a
- 239 person that buys goods in good faith, without knowledge that the
- 240 sale violates the rights of another person in the goods, and in
- 241 the ordinary course from a person, other than a pawnbroker, in the
- 242 business of selling goods of that kind. A person buys goods in
- 243 the ordinary course if the sale to the person comports with the
- 244 usual or customary practices in the kind of business in which the
- 245 seller is engaged or with the seller's own usual or customary
- 246 practices. A person that sells oil, gas, or other minerals at the
- 247 wellhead or minehead is a person in the business of selling goods
- 248 of that kind. A buyer in ordinary course of business may buy for
- 249 cash, by exchange of other property, or on secured or unsecured
- 250 credit, and may acquire goods or documents of title under a
- 251 preexisting contract for sale. Only a buyer that takes possession
- 252 of the goods or has a right to recover the goods from the seller
- 253 under Article 2 may be a buyer in ordinary course of business.

- 254 "Buyer in ordinary course of business" does not include a person
- 255 that acquires goods in a transfer in bulk or as security for or in
- 256 total or partial satisfaction of a money debt.
- 257 (10) "Conspicuous," with reference to a term, means so
- 258 written, displayed, or presented that a reasonable person against
- 259 which it is to operate ought to have noticed it. Whether a term
- 260 is "conspicuous" or not is a decision for the court. Conspicuous
- 261 terms include the following:
- 262 (A) A heading in capitals equal to or greater in
- 263 size than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or
- 264 color to the surrounding text of the same or lesser size; and
- 265 (B) Language in the body of a record or display in
- 266 larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type,
- 267 font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set
- 268 off from surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other
- 269 marks that call attention to the language.
- 270 (11) "Consumer" means an individual who enters into a
- 271 transaction primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 272 (12) "Contract," as distinguished from "agreement,"
- 273 means the total legal obligation that results from the parties'
- 274 agreement as determined by the Uniform Commercial Code as
- 275 supplemented by any other applicable laws.
- 276 (13) "Creditor" includes a general creditor, a secured
- 277 creditor, a lien creditor, and any representative of creditors,
- 278 including an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a trustee in
- 279 bankruptcy, a receiver in equity, and an executor or administrator
- 280 of an insolvent debtor's or assignor's estate.
- 281 (14) "Defendant" includes a person in the position of
- 282 defendant in a counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim.
- 283 (15) "Delivery," with respect to an instrument,
- 284 document of title, or chattel paper, means voluntary transfer of
- 285 possession.

286	(16) "Document of title" includes bill of lading, dock
287	warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt or order for the delivery
288	of goods, and also any other document which in the regular course
289	of business or financing is treated as adequately evidencing that
290	the person in possession of it is entitled to receive, hold, and
291	dispose of the document and the goods it covers. To be a document
292	of title, a document must purport to be issued by or addressed to
293	a bailee and purport to cover goods in the bailee's possession
294	which are either identified or are fungible portions of an
295	identified mass.

- 296 (17) "Fault" means a default, breach, or wrongful act 297 or omission.
- 298 (18) "Fungible goods" means:
- 299 (A) Goods of which any unit, by nature or usage of 300 trade, is the equivalent of any other like unit; or
- 301 (B) Goods that by agreement are treated as 302 equivalent.
- 303 (19) "Genuine" means free of forgery or counterfeiting.
- 304 (20) "Good faith," except as otherwise provided in 305 Article 5, means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable 306 commercial standards of fair dealing.
- 307 (21) "Holder" means:
- 308 (A) The person in possession of a negotiable
  309 instrument that is payable either to bearer or to an identified
  310 person that is the person in possession; or
- 311 (B) The person in possession of a document of 312 title if the goods are deliverable either to bearer or to the 313 order of the person in possession.
- 314 (22) "Insolvency proceeding" includes an assignment for 315 the benefit of creditors or other proceeding intended to liquidate 316 or rehabilitate the estate of the person involved.
- 317 (23) "Insolvent" means:

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- 321 (B) Being unable to pay debts as they become due;
- 322 or
- 323 (C) Being insolvent within the meaning of federal
- 324 bankruptcy law.
- 325 "Money" means a medium of exchange currently
- 326 authorized or adopted by a domestic or foreign government. The
- 327 term includes a monetary unit of account established by an
- 328 intergovernmental organization or by agreement between two (2) or
- 329 more countries.
- 330 (25) "Organization" means a person other than an
- 331 individual.
- 332 (26) "Party," as distinguished from "third party,"
- 333 means a person that has engaged in a transaction or made an
- 334 agreement subject to the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 335 (27) "Person" means an individual, corporation,
- 336 business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability
- 337 company, association, joint venture, government, governmental
- 338 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, public corporation, or
- 339 any other legal or commercial entity.
- 340 (28) "Present value" means the amount as of a date
- 341 certain of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to
- 342 the date certain by use of either an interest rate specified by
- 343 the parties if that rate is not manifestly unreasonable at the
- 344 time the transaction is entered into or, if an interest rate is
- 345 not so specified, a commercially reasonable rate that takes into
- 346 account the facts and circumstances at the time the transaction is
- 347 entered into.
- 348 (29) "Purchase" means taking by sale, lease, discount,
- 349 negotiation, mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, issue or

- 350 reissue, gift, or any other voluntary transaction creating an
- 351 interest in property.
- 352 (30) "Purchaser" means a person that takes by purchase.
- 353 (31) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a
- 354 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium
- 355 and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- 356 (32) "Remedy" means any remedial right to which an
- 357 aggrieved party is entitled with or without resort to a tribunal.
- 358 "Representative" means a person empowered to act
- 359 for another, including an agent, an officer of a corporation or
- 360 association, and a trustee, executor, or administrator of an
- 361 estate.
- 362 (34) "Right" includes remedy.
- 363 (35) "Security interest" means an interest in personal
- 364 property or fixtures which secures payment or performance of an
- 365 obligation. "Security interest" includes any interest of a
- 366 consignor and a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, a payment
- 367 intangible, or a promissory note in a transaction that is subject
- 368 to Article 9. "Security interest" does not include the special
- 369 property interest of a buyer of goods on identification of those
- 370 goods to a contract for sale under Section 75-2-401, but a buyer
- 371 may also acquire a "security interest" by complying with Article
- 372 9. Except as otherwise provided in Section 75-2-505, the right of
- 373 a seller or lessor of goods under Article 2 or 2A to retain or
- 374 acquire possession of the goods is not a "security interest," but
- 375 a seller or lessor may also acquire a "security interest" by
- 376 complying with Article 9. The retention or reservation of title
- 377 by a seller of goods notwithstanding shipment or delivery to the
- 378 buyer under Section 75-2-401 is limited in effect to a reservation
- 379 of a "security interest." Whether a transaction in the form of a
- 380 lease creates a "security interest" is determined pursuant to
- 381 Section 75-1-203.

- 382 (36)"Send" in connection with a writing, record, or
- 383 notice means:
- To deposit in the mail or deliver for 384 (A)
- 385 transmission by any other usual means of communication with
- 386 postage or cost of transmission provided for and properly
- addressed and, in the case of an instrument, to an address 387
- 388 specified thereon or otherwise agreed, or if there be none to any
- 389 address reasonable under the circumstances; or
- 390 (B) In any other way to cause to be received any
- record or notice within the time it would have arrived if properly 391
- 392 sent.
- 393 (37)"Signed" includes using any symbol executed or
- 394 adopted with present intention to adopt or accept a writing.
- 395 (38)"State" means a state of the United States, the
- District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin 396
- 397 Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the
- jurisdiction of the United States. 398
- 399 (39) "Surety" includes a quarantor or other secondary
- 400 obligor.
- 401 (40)"Term" means a portion of an agreement that
- 402 relates to a particular matter.
- 403 (41)"Unauthorized signature" means a signature made
- 404 without actual, implied, or apparent authority. The term includes
- 405 a forgery.
- 406 (42)"Warehouse receipt" means a receipt issued by a
- 407 person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire.
- 408 "Writing" includes printing, typewriting, or any
- 409 other intentional reduction to tangible form. "Written" has a
- 410 corresponding meaning.
- 411 Section 75-1-202. Notice; knowledge. (a) Subject to
- subsection (f), a person has "notice" of a fact if the person: 412
- 413 Has actual knowledge of it;
- 414 Has received a notice or notification of it; or (2)

- 415 (3) From all the facts and circumstances known to the 416 person at the time in question, has reason to know that it exists.
- 417 (b) "Knowledge" means actual knowledge. "Knows" has a 418 corresponding meaning.
- 419 (c) "Discover," "learn," or words of similar import refer to 420 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.
- 425 (e) Subject to subsection (f), a person "receives" a notice 426 or notification when:
- 427 (1) It comes to that person's attention; or

place for receipt of such communications.

- 428 (2) It is duly delivered in a form reasonable under the 429 circumstances at the place of business through which the contract 430 was made or at another location held out by that person as the
- 432 (f) Notice, knowledge, or a notice or notification received 433 by an organization is effective for a particular transaction from
- 434 the time it is brought to the attention of the individual
- 435 conducting that transaction and, in any event, from the time it
- 436 would have been brought to the individual's attention if the
- 437 organization had exercised due diligence. An organization
- 438 exercises due diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for
- 439 communicating significant information to the person conducting the
- 440 transaction and there is reasonable compliance with the routines.
- 441 Due diligence does not require an individual acting for the
- 442 organization to communicate information unless the communication
- 443 is part of the individual's regular duties or the individual has
- 444 reason to know of the transaction and that the transaction would
- 445 be materially affected by the information.
- Section 75-1-203. Lease distinguished from security

447 interest. (a) Whether a transaction in the form of a lease

- creates a lease or security interest is determined by the facts of each case.
- 450 (b) A transaction in the form of a lease creates a security
- 451 interest if the consideration that the lessee is to pay the lessor
- 452 for the right to possession and use of the goods is an obligation
- 453 for the term of the lease and is not subject to termination by the
- 454 lessee, and:
- 455 (1) The original term of the lease is equal to or
- 456 greater than the remaining economic life of the goods;
- 457 (2) The lessee is bound to renew the lease for the
- 458 remaining economic life of the goods or is bound to become the
- 459 owner of the goods;
- 460 (3) The lessee has an option to renew the lease for the
- 461 remaining economic life of the goods for no additional
- 462 consideration or for nominal additional consideration upon
- 463 compliance with the lease agreement; or
- 464 (4) The lessee has an option to become the owner of the
- 465 goods for no additional consideration or for nominal additional
- 466 consideration upon compliance with the lease agreement.
- 467 (c) A transaction in the form of a lease does not create a
- 468 security interest merely because:
- 469 (1) The present value of the consideration the lessee
- 470 is obligated to pay the lessor for the right to possession and use
- 471 of the goods is substantially equal to or is greater than the fair
- 472 market value of the goods at the time the lease is entered into;
- 473 (2) The lessee assumes risk of loss of the goods;
- 474 (3) The lessee agrees to pay, with respect to the
- 475 goods, taxes, insurance, filing, recording, or registration fees,
- 476 or service or maintenance costs;
- 477 (4) The lessee has an option to renew the lease or to
- 478 become the owner of the goods;
- 479 (5) The lessee has an option to renew the lease for a
- 480 fixed rent that is equal to or greater than the reasonably

- 481 predictable fair market rent for the use of the goods for the term
- 482 of the renewal at the time the option is to be performed; or
- 483 (6) The lessee has an option to become the owner of the
- 484 goods for a fixed price that is equal to or greater than the
- 485 reasonably predictable fair market value of the goods at the time
- 486 the option is to be performed.
- 487 (d) Additional consideration is nominal if it is less than
- 488 the lessee's reasonably predictable cost of performing under the
- 489 lease agreement if the option is not exercised. Additional
- 490 consideration is not nominal if:
- 491 (1) When the option to renew the lease is granted to
- 492 the lessee, the rent is stated to be the fair market rent for the
- 493 use of the goods for the term of the renewal determined at the
- 494 time the option is to be performed; or
- 495 (2) When the option to become the owner of the goods is
- 496 granted to the lessee, the price is stated to be the fair market
- 497 value of the goods determined at the time the option is to be
- 498 performed.
- (e) The "remaining economic life of the goods" and
- 500 "reasonably predictable" fair market rent, fair market value, or
- 501 cost of performing under the lease agreement must be determined
- 502 with reference to the facts and circumstances at the time the
- 503 transaction is entered into.
- 504 Section 75-1-204. Value. Except as otherwise provided in
- 505 Articles 3, 4, and 5, a person gives value for rights if the
- 506 person acquires them:
- 507 (1) In return for a binding commitment to extend credit
- 508 or for the extension of immediately available credit, whether or
- 509 not drawn upon and whether or not a charge-back is provided for in
- 510 the event of difficulties in collection;
- 511 (2) As security for, or in total or partial
- 512 satisfaction of, a preexisting claim;



513	(3) By accepting delivery under a preexisting contract
514	for purchase; or
515	(4) In return for any consideration sufficient to
516	support a simple contract.
517	Section 75-1-205. Reasonable time; seasonableness. (a)
518	Whether a time for taking an action required by the Uniform
519	Commercial Code is reasonable depends on the nature, purpose, and
520	circumstances of the action.
521	(b) An action is taken seasonably if it is taken at or
522	within the time agreed or, if no time is agreed, at or within a
523	reasonable time.
524	Section 75-1-206. Presumptions. Whenever the Uniform
525	Commercial Code creates a "presumption" with respect to a fact, or
526	provides that a fact is "presumed," the trier of fact must find
527	the existence of the fact unless and until evidence is introduced
528	that supports a finding of its nonexistence.
529	PART 3.
530	TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES.
531	Section 75-1-301. Territorial applicability; parties' power
532	to choose applicable law. (a) If one (1) of the parties to a
533	transaction is a consumer, an agreement by the parties that any or
534	all of their rights and obligations are to be governed by the laws
535	of another state or nation is not effective unless the transaction
536	bears a reasonable relation to the designated state or nation.
537	(b) If neither party to a transaction is a consumer, the
538	following rules apply:
539	(1) If the transaction does not bear a reasonable
540	relation to a nation other than the United States, an agreement by
541	the parties that any or all of their rights and obligations are to
542	be determined by the law of this state or another state is
543	effective, whether or not the transaction bears a reasonable
544	relation to the designated state; and

- 1545 (2) If the transaction bears a reasonable relation to a nation other than the United States, an agreement by the parties that any or all of their rights and obligations are to be determined by the law of this state or another state or nation is effective, whether or not the transaction bears a reasonable relation to the designated state or nation.
- 551 (c) In the absence of an agreement effective under
  552 subsection (a) or (b), and except as provided in subsection (e),
  553 this chapter applies to transactions bearing an appropriate
  554 relation to this state.
- (d) Application of the law of a state determined pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) may not deprive a consumer of the protection of any statute of the state in which the consumer principally resides at the time that the transaction became enforceable, which statute is both protective of consumers and may not be varied by agreement.
- (e) If one (1) of the following provisions of this chapter specifies the applicable law, that provision governs and a contrary agreement is effective only to the extent permitted by the law so specified.
- Section 75-1-302. Variation by agreement. (a) Except as

  otherwise provided in subsection (b) or elsewhere in the Uniform

  Commercial Code, the effect of provisions of the Uniform

  Commercial Code may be varied by agreement.
- 569 The obligations of good faith, diligence, 570 reasonableness, and care prescribed by the Uniform Commercial Code 571 may not be disclaimed by agreement. The parties, by agreement, 572 may determine the standards by which the performance of those 573 obligations is to be measured if those standards are not 574 manifestly unreasonable. Whenever the Uniform Commercial Code requires an action to be taken within a reasonable time, a time 575 576 that is not manifestly unreasonable may be fixed by agreement.

577 (c) The presence in certain provisions of the Uniform
578 Commercial Code of the phrase "unless otherwise agreed," or words
579 of similar import, does not imply that the effect of other
580 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:

- 585 (1) The agreement of the parties with respect to the 586 transaction involves repeated occasions for performance by a 587 party; and
- 588 (2) The other party, with knowledge of the nature of 589 the performance and opportunity for objection to it, accepts the 590 performance or acquiesces in it without objection.
- (b) A "course of dealing" is a sequence of conduct

  592 concerning previous transactions between the parties to a

  593 particular transaction that is fairly to be regarded as

  594 establishing a common basis of understanding for interpreting

  595 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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- 610 under the agreement is to occur may be so utilized as to that part
- 611 of the performance.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), the
- 613 express terms of an agreement and any applicable course of
- 614 performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade must be
- 615 construed whenever reasonable as consistent with each other. If
- 616 such a construction is unreasonable:
- (1) Express terms prevail over course of performance,
- 618 course of dealing, and usage of trade;
- 619 (2) Course of performance prevails over course of
- 620 dealing and usage of trade; and
- 621 (3) Course of dealing prevails over usage of trade.
- (f) Subject to Section 75-2-209, a course of performance is
- 623 relevant to show a waiver or modification of any term inconsistent
- 624 with the course of performance.
- (g) Evidence of a relevant usage of trade offered by one (1)
- 626 party is not admissible unless that party has given the other
- 627 party notice that the court finds sufficient to prevent unfair
- 628 surprise to the other party.
- Section 75-1-304. Obligation of good faith. Every contract
- or duty within the Uniform Commercial Code imposes an obligation
- 631 of good faith in its performance and enforcement.
- Section 75-1-305. Remedies to be liberally administered.
- 633 (a) The remedies provided by the Uniform Commercial Code must be
- 634 liberally administered to the end that the aggrieved party may be
- 635 put in as good a position as if the other party had fully
- 636 performed but neither consequential or special damages nor penal
- damages may be had except as specifically provided in the Uniform
- 638 Commercial Code or by other rule of law.
- (b) Any right or obligation declared by the Uniform
- 640 Commercial Code is enforceable by action unless the provision
- 641 declaring it specifies a different and limited effect.

642 Section 75-1-306. Waiver or renunciation of claim or right 643 after breach. A claim or right arising out of an alleged breach may be discharged in whole or in part without consideration by 644 645 agreement of the aggrieved party in an authenticated record. 646 Section 75-1-307. Prima facie evidence by third-party 647 documents. A document in due form purporting to be a bill of 648 lading, policy or certificate of insurance, official weigher's or 649 inspector's certificate, consular invoice, or any other document 650 authorized or required by the contract to be issued by a third party is prima facie evidence of its own authenticity and 651 652 genuineness and of the facts stated in the document by the third 653 party. Section 75-1-308. Performance or acceptance under 654 655 reservation of rights. (a) A party that with explicit 656 reservation of rights performs or promises performance or assents 657 to performance in a manner demanded or offered by the other party does not thereby prejudice the rights reserved. Such words as 658 659 "without prejudice," "under protest," or the like are sufficient. 660 Subsection (a) does not apply to an accord and 661 satisfaction. 662 Section 75-1-309. Option to accelerate at will. A term 663 providing that one (1) party or that party's successor in interest 664 may accelerate payment or performance or require collateral or additional collateral "at will" or when the party "deems itself 665 666 insecure," or words of similar import, means that the party has 667 power to do so only if that party in good faith believes that the 668 prospect of payment or performance is impaired. The burden of 669 establishing lack of good faith is on the party against which the 670 power has been exercised. 671 Section 75-1-310. Subordinated obligations. An obligation 672 may be issued as subordinated to performance of another obligation 673 of the person obligated, or a creditor may subordinate its right 674 to performance of an obligation by agreement with either the

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675	person obligated or another creditor of the person obligated.
676	Subordination does not create a security interest as against

677 either the common debtor or a subordinated creditor.

SECTION 4. Section 75-2-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

682 (a) "Buyer" means a person that buys or contracts to 683 buy goods.

(b) [Reserved]

"Acceptance"

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(c) "Receipt" of goods means taking physical possession of them.

(d) "Seller" means a person who sells or contracts to sell goods.

689 (2) Other definitions applying to this chapter or to 690 specified parts thereof, and the sections in which they appear 691 are:

Section 75-2-606

Section 75-2-325

693	"Banker's credit"	Section	75-2-325
694	"Between merchants"	Section	75-2-104
695	"Cancellation"	Section	75-2-106(4)
696	"Commercial unit"	Section	75-2-105
697	"Confirmed credit"	Section	75-2-325
698	"Conforming to contract"	Section	75-2-106
699	"Contract for sale"	Section	75-2-106
700	"Cover"	Section	75-2-712
701	"Entrusting"	Section	75-2-403
702	"Financing agency"	Section	75-2-104
703	"Future goods"	Section	75-2-105
704	"Goods"	Section	75-2-105
705	"Identification"	Section	75-2-501
706	"Installment contract"	Section	75-2-612

"Letter of Credit"

708		"Lot"	Section 75-2-105
709		"Merchant"	Section 75-2-104
710		"Overseas"	Section 75-2-323
711		"Person in position of seller"	Section 75-2-707
712		"Present sale"	Section 75-2-106
713		"Sale"	Section 75-2-106
714		"Sale on approval"	Section 75-2-326
715		"Sale or return"	Section 75-2-326
716		"Termination"	Section 75-2-106
717		(3) The following definitions in other	chapters apply to
718	this	chapter:	
719		"Check"	Section 75-3-104
720		"Consignee"	Section 75-7-102
721		"Consignor"	Section 75-7-102
722		"Consumer goods"	Section 75-9-102
723		"Control"	Section 75-7-106
724		"Dishonor"	Section 75-3-502
725		"Draft"	Section 75-3-104
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- 726 (4) In addition Chapter 1 contains general definitions and 727 principles of construction and interpretation applicable 728 throughout this chapter.
- 729 **SECTION 5.** Section 75-2-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 730 amended as follows:
- 731 75-2-107. (1) A contract for the sale of minerals or the
  732 like (including oil and gas) or a structure or its materials to be
  733 removed from realty is a contract for the sale of goods within
  734 this chapter if they are to be severed by the seller but until
  735 severance a purported present sale thereof which is not effective
  736 as a transfer of an interest in land is effective only as a
  737 contract to sell.
- 738 (2) A contract for the sale apart from the land of growing
  739 crops or other things attached to realty and capable of severance
  740 without material harm thereto but not described in subsection (1)
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- 741 or of timber to be cut is a contract for the sale of goods within
- 742 this chapter whether the subject matter is to be severed by the
- 743 buyer or by the seller even though it forms part of the realty at
- 744 the time of contracting, and the parties can by identification
- 745 effect a present sale before severance.
- 746 (3) The provisions of this section are subject to any
- 747 third-party rights provided by the law relating to realty records,
- 748 <u>including the priority of previously recorded deeds of trust under</u>
- 749 Section 89-5-5, and the contract for sale may be executed and
- 750 recorded as a document transferring an interest in land and shall
- 751 then constitute notice to third parties of the buyer's rights
- 752 under the contract for sale.
- 753 **SECTION 6.** Section 75-2-202, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 754 amended as follows:
- 755 75-2-202. Terms with respect to which the confirmatory
- 756 memoranda of the parties agree or which are otherwise set forth in
- 757 a writing intended by the parties as a final expression of their
- 758 agreement with respect to such terms as are included therein may
- 759 not be contradicted by evidence of any prior agreement or of a
- 760 contemporaneous oral agreement but may be explained or
- 761 supplemented:
- 762 (a) By course of performance, course of dealing or
- 763 usage of trade \* \* \* [Section 75-1-303] \* \* \*; and
- 764 (b) By evidence of consistent additional terms unless
- 765 the court finds the writing to have been intended also as a
- 766 complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement.
- 767 **SECTION 7.** Section 75-2-315.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 768 amended as follows:
- 769 75-2-315.1. (1) Any oral or written language used by a
- 770 seller of consumer goods and services, which attempts to exclude
- 771 or modify any implied warranties of merchantability and fitness
- 772 for a particular purpose or to exclude or modify the consumer's
- 773 remedies for breach of those warranties, is unenforceable.

- 774 However, the seller may recover from the manufacturer any damages
- 775 resulting from breach of the implied warranty of merchantability
- 776 or fitness for a particular purpose.
- 777 (2) Any oral or written language used by a manufacturer of
- 778 consumer goods, which attempts to limit or modify a consumer's
- 779 remedies for breach of the manufacturer's express warranties, is
- 780 unenforceable.
- 781 (3) (a) The provisions of this section do not apply to a
- 782 motor vehicle:
- 783 (i) Required to be titled under the state law;
- 784 (ii) That is over six (6) model years old or that
- 785 has been driven more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) miles;
- 786 and
- 787 (iii) If, at the time of the sale of the motor
- 788 vehicle, the seller gives the purchaser notice of the
- 789 inapplicability of this section on the form prescribed by the
- 790 State Attorney General.
- 791 (b) (i) An exclusion or modification of an implied
- 792 warranty of merchantability, or any part of a warranty under this
- 793 subsection shall be in writing, mention merchantability, and be
- 794 conspicuous.
- 795 (ii) An exclusion or modification of the implied
- 796 warranty of fitness shall be in writing and conspicuous.
- 797 (iii) Any exclusion or modification of either
- 798 warranty shall be separately acknowledged by the signature of the
- 799 buyer.
- 800 (4) If a remote purchaser who is a consumer asserts a claim
- 801 of breach of an implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for
- 802 a particular purpose against an intermediate buyer under this
- 803 chapter, the intermediate buyer can assert a claim of breach of
- 804 implied warranty against its seller, regardless of any waiver or
- 805 disclaimer of implied warranty by the intermediate buyer in the
- 806 contract between the intermediate buyer and its seller and

807 <u>regardless of the choice of law in the contract between the</u>

808 intermediate buyer and its seller. For purposes of this

809 subsection, "intermediate buyer" means a buyer that enters into a

810 contract with the seller, and "remote purchaser" means a person

811 that buys or leases goods from an intermediate buyer or other

812 person in the normal chain of distribution.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the express disclaimer

814 or express modification of any implied warranties of

815 merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose or any

express limitation of remedies for breach of such warranties

concerning computer hardware, computer software, and services

performed on computer hardware and computer software which are

819 sold between merchants.

SECTION 8. Section 75-2A-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

821 amended as follows:

75-2A-103. (1) In this chapter unless the context otherwise

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824 (a) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a

825 person who in good faith and without knowledge that the sale to

him is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest

827 or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods, buys in

828 ordinary course from a person in the business of selling goods of

829 that kind but does not include a pawnbroker. "Buying" may be for

830 cash or by exchange of other property or on secured or unsecured

831 credit and includes acquiring goods or documents of title under a

832 preexisting contract for sale but does not include a transfer in

833 bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a

834 money debt.

(b) "Cancellation" occurs when either party puts an end

836 to the lease contract for default by the other party.

837 (c) "Commercial unit" means such a unit of goods as by

838 commercial usage is a single whole for purposes of lease and

839 division of which materially impairs its character or value on the

840 market or in use. A commercial unit may be a single article, as a 841 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 842 843 unit treated in use or in the relevant market as a single whole. 844 "Conforming" goods or performance under a lease 845 contract means goods or performance that are in accordance with 846 the obligations under the lease contract. "Consumer lease" means a lease that a lessor 847 848 regularly engaged in the business of leasing or selling makes to a lessee who is an individual and who takes under the lease 849 850 primarily for a personal, family or household purpose, if the 851 total payments to be made under the lease contract, excluding 852 payments for options to renew or buy, do not exceed Twenty-five 853 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). "Fault" means wrongful act, omission, breach or 854 (f) default. 855 "Finance lease" means a lease with respect to 856 (g) 857 which: 858 (i) The lessor does not select, manufacture, or 859 supply the goods; 860 (ii) The lessor acquires the goods or the right to 861 possession and use of the goods in connection with the lease; and 862 (iii) One (1) of the following occurs: 863 The lessee receives a copy of the (A) 864 contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to 865 possession and use of the goods before signing the lease contract; 866 (B) The lessee's approval of the contract by 867 which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and 868 use of the goods is a condition to effectiveness of the lease 869 contract; The lessee, before signing the lease 870 (C)

contract, receives an accurate and complete statement designating

the promises and warranties, and any disclaimers of warranties,

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limitations or modifications of remedies, or liquidated damages, including those of a third party, such as the manufacturer of the goods, provided to the lessor by the person supplying the goods in connection with or as part of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods; or

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

- (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.
- 900 (i) "Installment lease contract" means a lease contract
  901 that authorizes or requires the delivery of goods in separate lots
  902 to be separately accepted, even though the lease contract contains
  903 a clause "each delivery is a separate lease" or its equivalent.
- 904 (j) "Lease" means a transfer of the right to possession
  905 and use of goods for a term in return for consideration, but a
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906 sale, including a sale on approval or a sale or return, or

907 retention or creation of a security interest is not a lease.

908 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes

909 a sublease.

910 (k) "Lease agreement" means the bargain, with respect

911 to the lease, of the lessor and the lessee in fact as found in

912 their language or by implication from other circumstances

913 including course of dealing or usage of trade or course of

914 performance as provided in this chapter. Unless the context

clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease

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917 (1) "Lease contract" means the total legal obligation

918 that results from the lease agreement as affected by this chapter

919 and any other applicable rules of law. Unless the context clearly

920 indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease contract.

921 (m) "Leasehold interest" means the interest of the

lessor or the lessee under a lease contract.

923 (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.

926 (o) "Lessee in ordinary course of business" means a

927 person who in good faith and without knowledge that the lease to

928 him is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest

929 or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods leases in

930 ordinary course from a person in the business of selling or

931 leasing goods of that kind but does not include a pawnbroker.

932 "Leasing" may be for cash or by exchange of other property or on

933 secured or unsecured credit and includes acquiring goods or

934 documents of title under a preexisting lease contract but does not

935 include a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or

936 partial satisfaction of a money debt.



- 937 (p) "Lessor" means a person who transfers the right to 938 possession and use of goods under a lease. Unless the context 939 clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublessor.
- 940 (q) "Lessor's residual interest" means the lessor's 941 interest in the goods after expiration, termination or 942 cancellation of the lease contract.
- 943 (r) "Lien" means a charge against or interest in goods 944 to secure payment of a debt or performance of an obligation, but 945 the term does not include a security interest.
- 946 (s) "Lot" means a parcel or a single article that is 947 the subject matter of a separate lease or delivery, whether or not 948 it is sufficient to perform the lease contract.
- 949 (t) "Merchant lessee" means a lessee that is a merchant 950 with respect to goods of the kind subject to the lease.
- (u) "Present value" means the amount as of a date 951 952 certain of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to 953 the date certain. The discount is determined by the interest rate 954 specified by the parties if the rate was not manifestly 955 unreasonable at the time the transaction was entered into; 956 otherwise, the discount is determined by a commercially reasonable 957 rate that takes into account the facts and circumstances of each 958 case at the time the transaction was entered into.
- 959 (v) "Purchase" includes taking by sale, lease, 960 mortgage, security interest, pledge, gift or any other voluntary 961 transaction creating an interest in goods.
- 962 (w) "Sublease" means a lease of goods the right to
  963 possession and use of which was acquired by the lessor as a lessee
  964 under an existing lease.
- 965 (x) "Supplier" means a person from whom a lessor buys 966 or leases goods to be leased under a finance lease.
- 967 (y) "Supply contract" means a contract under which a 968 lessor buys or leases goods to be leased.

969	(z) "Termination" occurs when either party pursuant to
970	a power created by agreement or law puts an end to the lease
971	contract otherwise than for default.
972	(2) Other definitions applying to this chapter and the
973	sections in which they appear are:
974	"Accessions" Section 75-2A-310(1)
975	"Construction mortgage" Section 75-2A-309(1)(d)
976	"Encumbrance" Section 75-2A-309(1)(e)
977	"Fixtures" Section 75-2A-309(1)(a)
978	"Fixture filing" Section 75-2A-309(1)(b)
979	"Purchase money lease" Section 75-2A-309(1)(c)
980	(3) The following definitions in other chapters apply to
981	this chapter:
982	"Account" Section 75-9-102(a)(2)
983	"Between merchants" Section 75-2-104(3)
984	"Buyer" Section 75-2-103(1)(a)
985	"Chattel paper" Section 75-9-102(a)(11)
986	"Consumer goods" Section 75-9-102(a)(23)
987	"Document" Section 75-9-102(a)(30)
988	"Entrusting" Section 75-2-403(3)
989	"General intangible" Section 75-9-102(a)(42)
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991	"Instrument" Section 75-9-102(a)(47)
992	"Merchant" Section 75-2-104(1)
993	"Mortgage" Section 75-9-102(a)(55)
994	"Pursuant to commitment" Section 75-9-102(a)(68)
995	"Receipt" Section 75-2-103(1)(c)
996	"Sale" Section 75-2-106(1)
997	"Sale on approval" Section 75-2-326
998	"Sale or return" Section 75-2-326
999	"Seller" Section 75-2-103(1)(d)

- 1000 (4) In addition, Chapter 1 contains general definitions and 1001 principles of construction and interpretation applicable
- 1002 throughout this chapter.
- SECTION 9. Section 75-2A-501, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 1005 75-2A-501. (1) Whether the lessor or the lessee is in default under a lease contract is determined by the lease
- 1007 agreement and this chapter.
- 1008 (2) If the lessor or the lessee is in default under the
- 1009 lease contract, the party seeking enforcement has rights and
- 1010 remedies as provided in this chapter and, except as limited by
- 1011 this chapter, as provided in the lease agreement.
- 1012 (3) If the lessor or the lessee is in default under the
- 1013 lease contract, the party seeking enforcement may reduce the
- 1014 party's claim to judgment, or otherwise enforce the lease contract
- 1015 by self-help or any available judicial procedure or nonjudicial
- 1016 procedure, including administrative proceeding, arbitration, or
- 1017 the like, in accordance with this chapter.
- 1018 (4) Except as otherwise provided in Section 75-1-305(a) or
- 1019 this chapter or the lease agreement, the rights and remedies
- 1020 referred to in subsections (2) and (3) are cumulative.
- 1021 (5) If the lease agreement covers both real property and
- 1022 goods, the party seeking enforcement may proceed under this part
- 1023 as to the goods, or under other applicable law as to both the real
- 1024 property and the goods in accordance with that party's rights and
- 1025 remedies in respect of the real property, in which case this part
- 1026 does not apply.
- 1027 **SECTION 10.** Section 75-2A-518, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1028 amended as follows:
- 75-2A-518. (1) After a default by a lessor under the lease
- 1030 contract of the type described in Section 75-2A-508(1), or, if
- 1031 agreed, after other default by the lessor, the lessee may cover by

making any purchase or lease of or contract to purchase or lease goods in substitution for those due from the lessor.

- 1034 Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages 1035 liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or otherwise 1036 determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 75-1-302 1037 and 75-2A-503), if a lessee's cover is by a lease agreement substantially similar to the original lease agreement and the new 1038 1039 lease agreement is made in good faith and in a commercially 1040 reasonable manner, the lessee may recover from the lessor as damages (i) the present value, as of the date of the commencement 1041 1042 of the term of the new lease agreement, of the rent under the new 1043 lease agreement applicable to that period of the new lease term 1044 which is comparable to the then remaining term of the original 1045 lease agreement minus the present value as of the same date of the 1046 total rent for the then remaining lease term of the original lease 1047 agreement, and (ii) any incidental or consequential damages, less 1048 expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.
- 1049 (3) If a lessee's cover is by lease agreement that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under subsection (2), or is by purchase or otherwise, the lessee may recover from the lessor as if the lessee had elected not to cover and Section 75-2A-519 governs.
- SECTION 11. Section 75-2A-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 1056 75-2A-519. (1) Except as otherwise provided with respect to 1057 damages liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or 1058 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties 1059 (Sections 75-1-302 and 75-2A-503), if a lessee elects not to cover 1060 or a lessee elects to cover and the cover is by lease agreement 1061 that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under Section 1062 75-2A-518(2), or is by purchase or otherwise, the measure of 1063 damages for nondelivery or repudiation by the lessor or for 1064 rejection or revocation of acceptance by the lessee is the present

value, as of the date of the default, of the then market rent
minus the present value as of the same date of the original rent,
computed for the remaining lease term of the original lease
agreement, together with incidental and consequential damages,
less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.

- 1070 (2) Market rent is to be determined as of the place for 1071 tender or, in cases of rejection after arrival or revocation of 1072 acceptance, as of the place of arrival.
- 1073 (3) Except as otherwise agreed, if the lessee has accepted
  1074 goods and given notification (Section 75-2A-516(3)), the measure
  1075 of damages for nonconforming tender or delivery or other default
  1076 by a lessor is the loss resulting in the ordinary course of events
  1077 from the lessor's default as determined in any manner that is
  1078 reasonable together with incidental and consequential damages,
  1079 less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.
- 1080 Except as otherwise agreed, the measure of damages for 1081 breach of warranty is the present value at the time and place of 1082 acceptance of the difference between the value of the use of the 1083 goods accepted and the value if they had been as warranted for the 1084 lease term, unless special circumstances show proximate damages of 1085 a different amount, together with incidental and consequential 1086 damages, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's 1087 default or breach of warranty.
- SECTION 12. Section 75-2A-527, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 75-2A-527. (1) After a default by a lessee under the lease contract of the type described in Section 75-2A-523(1) or 75-2A-523(3)(a) or after the lessor refuses to deliver or takes possession of goods (Section 75-2A-525 or 75-2A-526), or, if agreed, after other default by a lessee, the lessor may dispose of the goods concerned or the undelivered balance thereof by lease, sale or otherwise.

1097 Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages 1098 liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 75-1-302 1099 1100 and 75-2A-503), if the disposition is by lease agreement 1101 substantially similar to the original lease agreement and the new 1102 lease agreement is made in good faith and in a commercially 1103 reasonable manner, the lessor may recover from the lessee as 1104 damages (i) accrued and unpaid rent as of the date of the 1105 commencement of the term of the new lease agreement, (ii) the present value, as of the same date, of the total rent for the then 1106 1107 remaining lease term of the original lease agreement minus the present value, as of the same date, of the rent under the new 1108 1109 lease agreement applicable to that period of the new lease term which is comparable to the then remaining term of the original 1110 lease agreement, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under 1111 1112 Section 75-2A-530, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessee's default. 1113

- 1114 (3) If the lessor's disposition is by lease agreement that
  1115 for any reason does not qualify for treatment under subsection
  1116 (2), or is by sale or otherwise, the lessor may recover from the
  1117 lessee as if the lessor had elected not to dispose of the goods
  1118 and Section 75-2A-528 governs.
- 1119 (4) A subsequent buyer or lessee who buys or leases from the
  1120 lessor in good faith for value as a result of a disposition under
  1121 this section takes the goods free of the original lease contract
  1122 and any rights of the original lessee even though the lessor fails
  1123 to comply with one or more of the requirements of this chapter.
- 1124 (5) The lessor is not accountable to the lessee for any
  1125 profit made on any disposition. A lessee who has rightfully
  1126 rejected or justifiably revoked acceptance shall account to the
  1127 lessor for any excess over the amount of the lessee's security
  1128 interest (Section 75-2A-508(5)).

SECTION 13. Section 75-2A-528, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1129 1130 amended as follows: Except as otherwise provided with respect to 1131 75-2A-528. (1) 1132 damages liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 75-2A-504) or 1133 otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties 1134 (Sections 75-1-302 and 75-2A-503), if a lessor elects to retain the goods or a lessor elects to dispose of the goods and the 1135 disposition is by lease agreement that for any reason does not 1136 1137 qualify for treatment under Section 75-2A-527(2), or is by sale or otherwise, the lessor may recover from the lessee as damages for a 1138 1139 default of the type described in Section 75-2A-523(1) or 75-2A-523(3)(a), or, if agreed, for other default of the lessee, 1140 1141 (i) accrued and unpaid rent as of the date of default if the 1142 lessee has never taken possession of the goods, or, if the lessee has taken possession of the goods, as of the date the lessor 1143 repossesses the goods or an earlier date on which the lessee makes 1144 a tender of the goods to the lessor, (ii) the present value as of 1145 1146 the date determined under clause (i) of the total rent for the then remaining lease term of the original lease agreement minus 1147 1148 the present value as of the same date of the market rent at the place where the goods are located computed for the same lease 1149 1150 term, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under Section 1151 75-2A-530, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessee's default. 1152 1153 (2) If the measure of damages provided in subsection (1) is inadequate to put a lessor in as good a position as performance 1154 1155 would have, the measure of damages is the present value of the 1156 profit, including reasonable overhead, the lessor would have made 1157 from full performance by the lessee, together with any incidental

damages allowed under Section 75-2A-530, due allowance for costs

reasonably incurred and due credit for payments or proceeds of

disposition.

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1161	SECTION 14. Section 75-3-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
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1163	75-3-103. (a) In this chapter:
1164	(1) "Acceptor" means a drawee who has accepted a draft
1165	(2) "Consumer aggregat" means an aggregat established by

- 1165 (2) "Consumer account" means an account established by

  1166 an individual primarily for personal, family, or household
- 1167 <u>purposes</u>.

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- 1168 (3) "Consumer transaction" means a transaction in which

  1169 an individual incurs an obligation primarily for personal, family,

  1170 or household purposes.
- 1171 <u>(4)</u> "Drawee" means a person ordered in a draft to make 1172 payment.
- 1173 <u>(5)</u> "Drawer" means a person who signs or is identified 1174 in a draft as a person ordering payment.
- 1175 (6) [Reserved].

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1176 <u>(7)</u> "Maker" means a person who signs or is identified
1177 in a note as a person undertaking to pay.

"Order" means a written instruction to pay money

- signed by the person giving the instruction. The instruction may
  be addressed to any person, including the person giving the
  instruction, or to one or more persons jointly or in the
  alternative but not in succession. An authorization to pay is not
  an order unless the person authorized to pay is also instructed to
  pay.
- 1185 (9) "Ordinary care" in the case of a person engaged in business means observance of reasonable commercial standards, 1186 1187 prevailing in the area in which the person is located, with respect to the business in which the person is engaged. In the 1188 1189 case of a bank that takes an instrument for processing for 1190 collection or payment by automated means, reasonable commercial 1191 standards do not require the bank to examine the instrument if the 1192 failure to examine does not violate the bank's prescribed 1193 procedures and the bank's procedures do not vary unreasonably from

1194	general banking usage not disapproved by this chapter or Chapter
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1196	(10) "Party" means a party to an instrument.
1197	(11) "Principal obligor," with respect to an
1198	instrument, means the accommodated party or any other party to the
1199	instrument against whom a secondary obligor has recourse under
1200	this article.
1201	(12) "Promise" means a written undertaking to pay money
1202	signed by the person undertaking to pay. An acknowledgment of an
1203	obligation by the obligor is not a promise unless the obligor also
1204	undertakes to pay the obligation.
1205	(13) "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the
1206	burden of establishing the fact (Section 75-1-201(8), Mississippi
1207	Code of 1972).
1208	(14) [Reserved]
1209	(15) "Remitter" means a person who purchases an
1210	instrument from its issuer if the instrument is payable to an
1211	identified person other than the purchaser.
1212	(16) "Remotely created check" means a check that is not
1213	created by the paying bank and that does not bear a signature
1214	applied, or purported to be applied, by the person on whose
1215	account the check is drawn.
1216	(17) "Secondary obligor," with respect to an
1217	<pre>instrument, means (i) an indorser or an accommodation party, (ii)</pre>
1218	a drawer having the obligation described in Section 75-3-414(d),
1219	or (iii) any other party to the instrument that has recourse
1220	against another party to the instrument pursuant to Section
1221	<u>75-3-116(b).</u>
1222	(b) Other definitions applying to this chapter and the
1223	sections in which they appear are:
1224	"Acceptance" Section 75-3-409
1225	"Accommodated party" Section 75-3-419
1226	"Accommodation party" Section 75-3-419

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1227	"Account"	Section	75-4-104
1228	"Alteration"	Section	75-3-407
1229	"Anomalous indorsement"	Section	75-3-205
1230	"Blank indorsement"	Section	75-3-205
1231	"Cashier's check"	Section	75-3-104
1232	"Certificate of deposit"	Section	75-3-104
1233	"Certified check"	Section	75-3-409
1234	"Check"	Section	75-3-104
1235	"Consideration"	Section	75-3-303
1236	"Draft"	Section	75-3-104
1237	"Holder in due course"	Section	75-3-302
1238	"Incomplete instrument"	Section	75-3-115
1239	"Indorsement"	Section	75-3-204
1240	"Indorser"	Section	75-3-204
1241	"Instrument"	Section	75-3-104
1242	"Issue"	Section	75-3-105
1243	"Issuer"	Section	75-3-105
1244	"Negotiable instrument"	Section	75-3-104
1245	"Negotiation"	Section	75-3-201
1246	"Note"	Section	75-3-104
1247	"Payable at a definite time"	Section	75-3-108
1248	"Payable on demand"	Section	75-3-108
1249	"Payable to bearer"	Section	75-3-109
1250	"Payable to order"	Section	75-3-109
1251	"Payment"	Section	75-3-602
1252	"Person entitled to enforce"	Section	75-3-301
1253	"Presentment"	Section	75-3-501
1254	"Reacquisition"	Section	75-3-207
1255	"Special indorsement"	Section	75-3-205
1256	"Teller's check"	Section	75-3-104
1257	"Transfer of instrument"	Section	75-3-203
1258	"Traveler's check"	Section	75-3-104
1259	"Value"	Section	75-3-303
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1260 The following definitions in other chapters apply to 1261 this chapter: \* \* \* 1262 1263 "Banking day" Section 75-4-104 1264 "Clearinghouse" Section 75-4-104 Section 75-4-105 1265 "Collecting bank" 1266 "Depositary bank" Section 75-4-105 Section 75-4-104 1267 "Documentary draft" Section 75-4-105 1268 "Intermediary bank" "Item" Section 75-4-104 1269 1270 "Payor bank" Section 75-4-105 1271 "Suspends payments" Section 75-4-104 1272 In addition, Chapter 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable 1273 1274 throughout this chapter. SECTION 15. Section 75-3-106, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1275 amended as follows: 1276 1277 75-3-106. (a) Except as provided in this section, for the purposes of Section 75-3-104(a), a promise or order is 1278 1279 unconditional unless it states (i) an express condition to 1280 payment, (ii) that the promise or order is subject to or governed 1281 by another record, or (iii) that rights or obligations with 1282 respect to the promise or order are stated in another record. reference to another record does not of itself make the promise or 1283 1284 order conditional. 1285 A promise or order is not made conditional (i) by a 1286 reference to another record for a statement of rights with respect 1287 to collateral, prepayment, or acceleration, or (ii) because 1288 payment is limited to resort to a particular fund or source. 1289 (c) If a promise or order requires, as a condition to

payment, a countersignature by a person whose specimen signature

appears on the promise or order, the condition does not make the

promise or order conditional for the purposes of Section

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- 1293 75-3-104(a). If the person whose specimen signature appears on an
- 1294 instrument fails to countersign the instrument, the failure to
- 1295 countersign is a defense to the obligation of the issuer, but the
- 1296 failure does not prevent a transferee of the instrument from
- 1297 becoming a holder of the instrument.
- 1298 (d) If a promise or order at the time it is issued or first
- 1299 comes into possession of a holder contains a statement, required
- 1300 by applicable statutory or administrative law, to the effect that
- 1301 the rights of a holder or transferee are subject to claims or
- 1302 defenses that the issuer could assert against the original payee,
- 1303 the promise or order is not thereby made conditional for the
- 1304 purposes of Section 75-3-104(a); but if the promise or order is an
- 1305 instrument, there cannot be a holder in due course of the
- 1306 instrument.
- 1307 **SECTION 16.** Section 75-3-116, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1308 amended as follows:
- 1309 75-3-116. (a) Except as otherwise provided in the
- 1310 instrument, two (2) or more persons who have the same liability on
- 1311 an instrument as makers, drawers, acceptors, indorsers who indorse
- 1312 as joint payees, or anomalous indorsers are jointly and severally
- 1313 liable in the capacity in which they sign.
- 1314 (b) Except as provided in Section 75-3-419(f) or by
- 1315 agreement of the affected parties, a party having joint and
- 1316 several liability who pays the instrument is entitled to receive
- 1317 from any party having the same joint and several liability
- 1318 contribution in accordance with applicable law.
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- 1320 **SECTION 17.** Section 75-3-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1321 amended as follows:

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- 1322 75-3-119. In an action for breach of an obligation for which
- 1323 a third person is answerable over pursuant to this chapter or
- 1324 Chapter 4, the defendant may give the third person \* \* \* notice of
- 1325 the litigation in a record, and the person notified may then give

similar notice to any other person who is answerable over. If the notice states (i) that the person notified may come in and defend 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 determination of fact common to the two (2) litigations, the

1331 person notified is so bound unless after seasonable receipt of the

1332 notice the person notified does come in and defend.

1333 **SECTION 18.** Section 75-3-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1334 amended as follows:

1335 75-3-305. (a) Except as <u>otherwise provided in this section</u>,
1336 the right to enforce the obligation of a party to pay an
1337 instrument is subject to the following:

1338 A defense of the obligor based on (i) infancy of (1)1339 the obligor to the extent it is a defense to a simple contract, (ii) duress, lack of legal capacity, or illegality of the 1340 1341 transaction which, under other law, nullifies the obligation of 1342 the obligor, (iii) fraud that induced the obligor to sign the 1343 instrument with neither knowledge nor reasonable opportunity to learn of its character or its essential terms, or (iv) discharge 1344 1345 of the obligor in insolvency proceedings;

(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

1350 (3) A claim in recoupment of the obligor against the
1351 original payee of the instrument if the claim arose from the
1352 transaction that gave rise to the instrument; but the claim of the
1353 obligor may be asserted against a transferee of the instrument
1354 only to reduce the amount owing on the instrument at the time the
1355 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 H. B. No. 345

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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.

- 1362 (c) Except as stated in subsection (d), in an action to 1363 enforce the obligation of a party to pay the instrument, the 1364 obligor may not assert against the person entitled to enforce the 1365 instrument a defense, claim in recoupment, or claim to the instrument (Section 75-3-306) of another person, but the other 1366 1367 person's claim to the instrument may be asserted by the obligor if 1368 the other person is joined in the action and personally asserts 1369 the claim against the person entitled to enforce the instrument. An obligor is not obliged to pay the instrument if the person 1370 1371 seeking enforcement of the instrument does not have rights of a 1372 holder in due course and the obligor proves that the instrument is 1373 a lost or stolen instrument.
  - (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.
- (e) In a consumer transaction, if law other than this

  chapter requires that an instrument include a statement to the

  effect that the rights of a holder or transferee are subject to a

  claim or defense that the issuer could assert against the original

  payee, and the instrument does not include such a statement:
- 1386 (1) The instrument has the same effect as if the 1387 instrument included such a statement;
- 1388 (2) The issuer may assert against the holder or

  1389 transferee all claims and defenses that would have been available

  1390 if the instrument included such a statement; and

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1391	(3) The extent to which claims may be asserted against
1392	the holder or transferee is determined as if the instrument
1393	included such a statement.
1394	(f) This section is subject to law other than this chapter
1395	that establishes a different rule for consumer transactions.
1396	SECTION 19. Section 75-3-309, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1397	amended as follows:
1398	75-3-309. (a) A person not in possession of an instrument
1399	is entitled to enforce the instrument if:
1400	(1) The person seeking to enforce the instrument:
1401	(i) * * * Was * * entitled to enforce the
1402	instrument when loss of possession occurred; or
1403	(ii) Has directly or indirectly acquired ownership
1404	of the instrument from a person who was entitled to enforce the
1405	instrument when loss of possession occurred;
1406	(2) The loss of possession was not the result of a
1407	transfer by the person or a lawful seizure; and
1408	(3) The person cannot reasonably obtain possession of
1409	the instrument because the instrument was destroyed, its
1410	whereabouts cannot be determined, or it is in the wrongful
1411	possession of an unknown person or a person that cannot be found
1412	or is not amenable to service of process.
1413	(b) A person seeking enforcement of an instrument under
1414	subsection (a) must prove the terms of the instrument and the
1415	person's right to enforce the instrument. If that proof is made,
1416	Section 75-3-308 applies to the case as if the person seeking
1417	enforcement had produced the instrument. The court may not enter
1418	judgment in favor of the person seeking enforcement unless it
1419	finds that the person required to pay the instrument is adequately
1420	protected against loss that might occur by reason of a claim by
1421	another person to enforce the instrument. Adequate protection may
1422	be provided by any reasonable means.

1423 **SECTION 20.** Section 75-3-312, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

1424 amended as follows:

1425 75-3-312. (a) In this section:

- 1426 (1) "Check" means a cashier's check, teller's check, or
- 1427 certified check.
- 1428 (2) "Claimant" means a person who claims the right to
- 1429 receive the amount of a cashier's check, teller's check, or
- 1430 certified check that was lost, destroyed, or stolen.
- 1431 (3) "Declaration of loss" means a \* \* \* statement, made
- 1432 in a record under penalty of perjury, to the effect that (i) the
- 1433 declarer lost possession of a check, (ii) the declarer is the
- 1434 drawer or payee of the check, in the case of a certified check, or
- 1435 the remitter or payee of the check, in the case of a cashier's
- 1436 check or teller's check, (iii) the loss of possession was not the
- 1437 result of a transfer by the declarer or a lawful seizure, and (iv)
- 1438 the declarer cannot reasonably obtain possession of the check
- 1439 because the check was destroyed, its whereabouts cannot be
- 1440 determined, or it is in the wrongful possession of an unknown
- 1441 person or a person that cannot be found or is not amenable to
- 1442 service of process.
- 1443 (4) "Obligated bank" means the issuer of a cashier's
- 1444 check or teller's check or the acceptor of a certified check.
- 1445 (b) A claimant may assert a claim to the amount of a check
- 1446 by a communication to the obligated bank describing the check with
- 1447 reasonable certainty and requesting payment of the amount of the
- 1448 check, if (i) the claimant is the drawer or payee of a certified
- 1449 check or the remitter or payee of a cashier's check or teller's
- 1450 check, (ii) the communication contains or is accompanied by a
- 1451 declaration of loss of the claimant with respect to the check,
- 1452 (iii) the communication is received at a time and in a manner
- 1453 affording the bank a reasonable time to act on it before the check
- 1454 is paid, and (iv) the claimant provides reasonable identification
- 1455 if requested by the obligated bank. Delivery of a declaration of

1456 loss is a warranty of the truth of the statements made in the

1457 declaration. If a claim is asserted in compliance with this

1458 subsection, the following rules apply:

1459 (1) The claim becomes enforceable at the later of (i)

1460 the time the claim is asserted, or (ii) the ninetieth day

1461 following the date of the check, in the case of a cashier's check

1462 or teller's check, or the ninetieth day following the date of

1463 acceptance, in the case of a certified check.

1464 (2) Until the claim becomes enforceable, it has no

legal effect and the obligated bank may pay the check or, in the

1466 case of a teller's check, may permit the drawee to pay the check.

Payment to a person entitled to enforce the check discharges all

1468 liability of the obligated bank with respect to the check.

1469 (3) If the claim becomes enforceable before the check

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1472 (4) When the claim becomes enforceable, the obligated

bank becomes obliged to pay the amount of the check to the

1474 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

1477 bank with respect to the check.

1478 (c) If the obligated bank pays the amount of a check to a

claimant under subsection (b) (4) and the check is presented for

1480 payment by a person having rights of a holder in due course, the

1481 claimant is obliged to (i) refund the payment to the obligated

1482 bank if the check is paid, or (ii) pay the amount of the check to

1483 the person having rights of a holder in due course if the check is

1484 dishonored.

1485 (d) If a claimant has the right to assert a claim under

1486 subsection (b) and is also a person entitled to enforce a

1487 cashier's check, teller's check, or certified check which is lost,

- 1488 destroyed, or stolen, the claimant may assert rights with respect
- 1489 to the check either under this section or Section 75-3-309.
- SECTION 21. Section 75-3-415, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1490
- 1491 amended as follows:
- 1492 75-3-415. (a) Subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d) and
- 1493 to Section 75-3-419(d), if an instrument is dishonored, an
- 1494 indorser is obliged to pay the amount due on the instrument (i)
- according to the terms of the instrument at the time it was 1495
- 1496 indorsed, or (ii) if the indorser indorsed an incomplete
- 1497 instrument, according to its terms when completed, to the extent
- 1498 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 1499
- 1500 to a subsequent indorser who paid the instrument under this
- 1501 section.
- If an indorsement states that it is made "without 1502 (b)
- 1503 recourse" or otherwise disclaims liability of the indorser, the
- 1504 indorser is not liable under subsection (a) to pay the instrument.
- 1505 (c) If notice of dishonor of an instrument is required by
- Section 75-3-503 and notice of dishonor complying with that 1506
- 1507 section is not given to an indorser, the liability of the indorser
- 1508 under subsection (a) is discharged.
- 1509 (d) If a draft is accepted by a bank after an indorsement is
- 1510 made, the liability of the indorser under subsection (a) is
- 1511 discharged.
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- SECTION 22. Section 75-3-416, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1513
- 1514 amended as follows:
- 1515 75-3-416. (a) A person who transfers an instrument for
- consideration warrants to the transferee and, if the transfer is 1516
- by indorsement, to any subsequent transferee that: 1517
- 1518 (1)The warrantor is a person entitled to enforce the
- 1519 instrument;

1520		(2)	All	signatures	on	the	instrument	are	authentic	and
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- 1522 (3) The instrument has not been altered;
- 1523 (4) The instrument is not subject to a defense or claim
- 1524 in recoupment of any party which can be asserted against the
- 1525 warrantor; \* \* \*
- 1526 (5) The warrantor has no knowledge of any insolvency
- 1527 proceeding commenced with respect to the maker or acceptor or, in
- 1528 the case of an unaccepted draft, the drawer; and
- 1529 (6) With respect to a remotely created check, that the
- 1530 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn
- 1531 authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the
- 1532 check and to the payee stated on the check.
- (b) A person to whom the warranties under subsection (a) are
- 1534 made and who took the instrument in good faith may recover from
- 1535 the warrantor as damages for breach of warranty an amount equal to
- 1536 the loss suffered as a result of the breach, but not more than the
- 1537 amount of the instrument plus expenses and loss of interest
- 1538 incurred as a result of the breach.
- 1539 (c) The warranties stated in subsection (a) cannot be
- 1540 disclaimed with respect to checks. Unless notice of a claim for
- 1541 breach of warranty is given to the warrantor within thirty (30)
- 1542 days after the claimant has reason to know of the breach and the
- 1543 identity of the warrantor, the liability of the warrantor under
- 1544 subsection (b) is discharged to the extent of any loss caused by
- 1545 the delay in giving notice of the claim.
- 1546 (d) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this
- 1547 section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the
- 1548 breach.
- 1549 **SECTION 23.** Section 75-3-417, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1550 amended as follows:
- 1551 75-3-417. (a) If an unaccepted draft is presented to the
- 1552 drawee for payment or acceptance and the drawee pays or accepts

- 1553 the draft, (i) the person obtaining payment or acceptance, at the 1554 time of presentment, and (ii) a previous transferor of the draft, at the time of transfer, warrant to the drawee making payment or 1555 1556 accepting the draft in good faith that:
- 1557 The warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor 1558 transferred the draft, a person entitled to enforce the draft or 1559 authorized to obtain payment or acceptance of the draft on behalf of a person entitled to enforce the draft; 1560
  - (2) The draft has not been altered; \* \* \*
- The warrantor has no knowledge that the signature 1562 (3) 1563 of the drawer of the draft is unauthorized; and
- 1564 (4) With respect to a remotely created check, that the 1565 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn 1566 authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the 1567 check and to the payee stated on the check.
- 1568 A drawee making payment may recover from any warrantor (b) 1569 damages for breach of warranty equal to the amount paid by the 1570 drawee less the amount the drawee received or is entitled to receive from the drawer because of the payment. In addition, the 1571 1572 drawee is entitled to compensation for expenses and loss of 1573 interest resulting from the breach. The right of the drawee to 1574 recover damages under this subsection is not affected by any 1575 failure of the drawee to exercise ordinary care in making payment. If the drawee accepts the draft, breach of warranty is a defense 1576 1577 to the obligation of the acceptor. If the acceptor makes payment with respect to the draft, the acceptor is entitled to recover 1578 1579 from any warrantor for breach of warranty the amounts stated in 1580 this subsection.
- 1581 (c) If a drawee asserts a claim for breach of warranty under 1582 subsection (a) based on an unauthorized indorsement of the draft or an alteration of the draft, the warrantor may defend by proving 1583 1584 that the indorsement is effective under Section 75-3-404 or 1585

1586 75-4-406 from asserting against the drawee the unauthorized indorsement or alteration.

- 1588 (d) If (i) a dishonored draft is presented for payment to
  1589 the drawer or an indorser or (ii) any other instrument is
  1590 presented for payment to a party obliged to pay the instrument,
  1591 and (iii) payment is received, the following rules apply:
- 1592 (1) The person obtaining payment and a prior transferor
  1593 of the instrument warrant to the person making payment in good
  1594 faith that the warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor
  1595 transferred the instrument, a person entitled to enforce the
  1596 instrument or authorized to obtain payment on behalf of a person
  1597 entitled to enforce the instrument.
- 1598 (2) The person making payment may recover from any
  1599 warrantor for breach of warranty an amount equal to the amount
  1600 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.
- 1608 (f) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this 1609 section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the 1610 breach.
- SECTION 24. Section 75-3-419, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 75-3-419. (a) If an instrument is issued for value given
  for the benefit of a party to the instrument ("accommodated
  party") and another party to the instrument ("accommodation
  party") signs the instrument for the purpose of incurring
  liability on the instrument without being a direct beneficiary of

the value given for the instrument, the instrument is signed by
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.
- (c) A person signing an instrument is presumed to be an 1627 1628 accommodation party and there is notice that the instrument is signed for accommodation if the signature is an anomalous 1629 1630 indorsement or is accompanied by words indicating that the signer 1631 is acting as surety or guarantor with respect to the obligation of 1632 another party to the instrument. Except as provided in Section 1633 75-3-605, the obligation of an accommodation party to pay the 1634 instrument is not affected by the fact that the person enforcing 1635 the obligation had notice when the instrument was taken by that 1636 person that the accommodation party signed the instrument for 1637 accommodation.
- 1638 (d) If the signature of a party to an instrument is 1639 accompanied by words indicating unambiguously that the party is 1640 guaranteeing collection rather than payment of the obligation of another party to the instrument, the signer is obliged to pay the 1641 1642 amount due on the instrument to a person entitled to enforce the instrument only if (i) execution of judgment against the other 1643 1644 party has been returned unsatisfied, (ii) the other party is 1645 insolvent or in an insolvency proceeding, (iii) the other party cannot be served with process, or (iv) it is otherwise apparent 1646 1647 that payment cannot be obtained from the other party.
  - (e) If the signature of a party to an instrument is accompanied by words indicating that the party guarantees payment or the signer signs the instrument as an accommodation party in

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1652 intention to guarantee collection rather than payment, the signer 1653 is obliged to pay the amount due on the instrument to a person entitled to enforce the <u>instrument in the same circumstances as</u> 1654 1655 the accommodated party would be obliged, without prior resort to 1656 the accommodated party by the person entitled to enforce the 1657 instrument. 1658 (f) An accommodation party who pays the instrument is 1659 entitled to reimbursement from the accommodated party and is 1660 entitled to enforce the instrument against the accommodated party. 1661 In proper circumstances, an accommodation party may obtain relief 1662 that requires the accommodated party to perform its obligations on 1663 the instrument. An accommodated party who pays the instrument has 1664 no right of recourse against, and is not entitled to contribution 1665 from, an accommodation party. SECTION 25. Section 75-3-602, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1666 1667 amended as follows: 1668 75-3-602. Subject to subsection (e), an instrument is (a) paid to the extent payment is made \* \* \* by or on behalf of a 1669 1670 party obliged to pay the instrument, and \* \* \* to a person 1671 entitled to enforce the instrument. \* \* \* 1672 (b) Subject to subsection (e), a note is paid to the extent payment is made by or on behalf of a party obliged to pay the note 1673 1674 to a person that formerly was entitled to enforce the note only if 1675 at the time of the payment the party obliged to pay has not 1676 received adequate notification that the note has been transferred 1677 and that payment is to be made to the transferee. A notification 1678 is adequate only if it is signed by the transferor or the transferee; reasonably identifies the transferred note; and 1679 1680 provides an address at which payments subsequently are to be made. 1681 Upon request, a transferee shall seasonably furnish reasonable 1682 proof that the note has been transferred. Unless the transferee 1683 complies with the request, a payment to the person that formerly 

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1684	was entitled to enforce the note is effective for purposes o	) £
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1686 <u>received a notification under this subsection.</u>

- (c) Subject to subsection (e), to the extent of a payment

  under subsections (a) and (b), the obligation of the party obliged

  to pay the instrument is discharged even though payment is made

  with knowledge of a claim to the instrument under Section 75-3-306

  by another person.
- (d) Subject to subsection (e), a transferee, or any party

  that has acquired rights in the instrument directly or indirectly

  from a transferee, including any such party that has rights as a

  holder in due course, is deemed to have notice of any payment that

  is made under subsection (b) after the date that the note is

  transferred to the transferee but before the party obliged to pay

  the note receives adequate notification of the transfer.
- 1699 <u>(e)</u> The obligation of a party to pay the instrument is not 1700 discharged under subsections (a) through (d) if:
- 1701 A claim to the instrument under Section 75-3-306 is 1702 enforceable against the party receiving payment and (i) payment is 1703 made with knowledge by the payor that payment is prohibited by 1704 injunction or similar process of a court of competent 1705 jurisdiction, or (ii) in the case of an instrument other than a 1706 cashier's check, teller's check, or certified check, the party making payment accepted, from the person having a claim to the 1707 1708 instrument, indemnity against loss resulting from refusal to pay 1709 the person entitled to enforce the instrument; or
- 1710 (2) The person making payment knows that the instrument 1711 is a stolen instrument and pays a person it knows is in wrongful 1712 possession of the instrument.
- 1713 (f) As used in this section, "signed," with respect to a

  1714 record that is not a writing, includes the attachment to or

  1715 logical association with the record of an electronic symbol,

- 1716 sound, or process with the present intent to adopt or accept the
- 1717 record.
- 1718 **SECTION 26.** Section 75-3-604, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1719 amended as follows:
- 1720 75-3-604. (a) A person entitled to enforce an instrument,
- 1721 with or without consideration, may discharge the obligation of a
- 1722 party to pay the instrument (i) by an intentional voluntary act,
- 1723 such as surrender of the instrument to the party, destruction,
- 1724 mutilation, or cancellation of the instrument, cancellation or
- 1725 striking out of the party's signature, or the addition of words to
- 1726 the instrument indicating discharge, or (ii) by agreeing not to
- 1727 sue or otherwise renouncing rights against the party by a signed
- 1728 record.
- 1729 (b) Cancellation or striking out of an indorsement pursuant
- 1730 to subsection (a) does not affect the status and rights of a party
- 1731 derived from the indorsement.
- 1732 (c) In this section, "signed," with respect to a record that
- 1733 is not a writing, includes the attachment to or logical
- 1734 association with the record of an electronic symbol, sound, or
- 1735 process with the present intent to adopt or accept the record.
- 1736 **SECTION 27.** Section 75-3-605, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1737 amended as follows:
- 1738 75-3-605. (a) If a person entitled to enforce an instrument
- 1739 releases the obligation of a principal obligor, in whole or in
- 1740 part, and another party to the instrument is a secondary obligor
- 1741 with respect to the obligation of that principal obligor, the
- 1742 following rules apply:
- 1743 (1) Any obligations of the principal obligor to the
- 1744 secondary obligor with respect to any previous payment by the
- 1745 secondary obligor are not affected. Unless the terms of the
- 1746 release preserve the secondary obligor's recourse, the principal
- obligor is discharged, to the extent of the release, from any
- 1748 other duties to the secondary obligor under this article.

1749	(2) Unless the terms of the release provide that the
1750	person entitled to enforce the instrument retains the right to
1751	enforce the instrument against the secondary obligor, the
1752	secondary obligor is discharged to the same extent as the
1753	principal obligor from any unperformed portion of its obligation
1754	on the instrument. If the instrument is a check and the
1755	obligation of the secondary obligor is based on an indorsement of
1756	the check, the secondary obligor is discharged without regard to
1757	the language or circumstances of the discharge or other release.
1758	(3) If the secondary obligor is not discharged under
1759	paragraph (2), the secondary obligor is discharged to the extent
1760	of the value of the consideration for the release, and to the
1761	extent that the release would otherwise cause the secondary
1762	obligor a loss.
1763	(b) If a person entitled to enforce an instrument grants a
1764	principal obligor an extension of the time at which one or more
1765	payments are due on the instrument and another party to the
1766	instrument is a secondary obligor with respect to the obligation
1767	of that principal obligor, the following rules apply:
1768	(1) Any obligations of the principal obligor to the
1769	secondary obligor with respect to any previous payment by the
1770	secondary obligor are not affected. Unless the terms of the
1771	extension preserve the secondary obligor's recourse, the extension
1772	correspondingly extends the time for performance of any other
1773	duties owed to the secondary obligor by the principal obligor
1774	under this article.
1775	(2) The secondary obligor is discharged to the extent
1776	that the extension would otherwise cause the secondary obligor a
1777	<u>loss.</u>
1778	(3) To the extent that the secondary obligor is not
1779	discharged under paragraph (2), the secondary obligor may perform
1780	its obligations to a person entitled to enforce the instrument as
1781	if the time for payment had not been extended or, unless the terms
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1782	of the extension provide that the person entitled to enforce the
1783	<pre>instrument retains the right to enforce the instrument against the</pre>
1784	secondary obligor as if the time for payment had not been
1785	extended, treat the time for performance of its obligations as
1786	having been extended correspondingly.
1787	(c) If a person entitled to enforce an instrument agrees,
1788	with or without consideration, to a modification of the obligation
1789	of a principal obligor other than a complete or partial release or
1790	an extension of the due date and another party to the instrument
1791	is a secondary obligor with respect to the obligation of that
1792	principal obligor, the following rules apply:
1793	(1) Any obligations of the principal obligor to the
1794	secondary obligor with respect to any previous payment by the
1795	secondary obligor are not affected. The modification
1796	correspondingly modifies any other duties owed to the secondary
1797	obligor by the principal obligor under this article.
1798	(2) The secondary obligor is discharged from any
1799	unperformed portion of its obligation to the extent that the
1800	modification would otherwise cause the secondary obligor a loss.
1801	(3) To the extent that the secondary obligor is not
1802	discharged under paragraph (2), the secondary obligor may satisfy
1803	its obligation on the instrument as if the modification had not
1804	occurred, or treat its obligation on the instrument as having been
1805	<pre>modified correspondingly.</pre>
1806	(d) If the obligation of a principal obligor is secured by
1807	an interest in collateral, another party to the instrument is a
1808	secondary obligor with respect to that obligation, and a person
1809	entitled to enforce the instrument impairs the value of the
1810	interest in collateral, the obligation of the secondary obligor is
1811	discharged to the extent of the impairment. The value of an
1812	interest in collateral is impaired to the extent the value of the
1813	interest is reduced to an amount less than the amount of the

recourse of the secondary obligor, or the reduction in value of

the interest causes	an increase in the amount by which the amount
of the recourse exc	eeds the value of the interest. For purposes
of this subsection,	impairing the value of an interest in
collateral includes	failure to obtain or maintain perfection or
recordation of the	interest in collateral, release of collateral
without substitutio	n of collateral of equal value or equivalent
reduction of the un	derlying obligation, failure to perform a duty
to preserve the val	ue of collateral owed, under Article 9 or other
law, to a debtor or	other person secondarily liable, and failure
to comply with appl	icable law in disposing of or otherwise
enforcing the inter	est in collateral.
(e) <u>A seconda</u>	ry obligor is not discharged under subsection
(a)(3), (b), (c), o	r (d) unless the person entitled to enforce the
instrument knows th	at the person is a secondary obligor or has
notice under Sectio	n 75-3-419(c) that the instrument was signed
for accommodation.	
(f) <u>A seconda</u>	ry obligor is not discharged under this section
if the secondary ob	ligor consents to the event or conduct that is
the basis of the di	scharge, or the instrument or a separate
agreement of the pa	rty provides for waiver of discharge under this
section specificall	y or by general language indicating that
parties waive defen	ses based on suretyship or impairment of
collateral. Unless	the circumstances indicate otherwise, consent
by the principal ob	ligor to an act that would lead to a discharge
under this section	constitutes consent to that act by the
secondary obligor i	f the secondary obligor controls the principal
obligor or deals wi	th the person entitled to enforce the
instrument on behal	f of the principal obligor.
(g) <u>A release</u>	or extension preserves a secondary obligor's
recourse if the ter	ms of the release or extension provide that:
(1) The	person entitled to enforce the instrument
retains the right t	o enforce the instrument against the secondary
obligor; and	

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1848 <u>(2)</u>	The	recourse	of	the	secondary	obligor	continues	as
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- 1849 <u>if the release or extension had not been granted.</u>
- 1850 (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i), a
- 1851 secondary obligor asserting discharge under this section has the
- 1852 burden of persuasion both with respect to the occurrence of the
- 1853 acts alleged to harm the secondary obligor and loss or prejudice
- 1854 caused by those acts.
- 1855 (i) If the secondary obligor demonstrates prejudice caused
- 1856 by an impairment of its recourse, and the circumstances of the
- 1857 case indicate that the amount of loss is not reasonably
- 1858 susceptible of calculation or requires proof of facts that are not
- 1859 ascertainable, it is presumed that the act impairing recourse
- 1860 caused a loss or impairment equal to the liability of the
- 1861 secondary obligor on the instrument. In that event, the burden of
- 1862 persuasion as to any lesser amount of the loss is on the person
- 1863 entitled to enforce the instrument.
- 1864 **SECTION 28.** Section 75-4-104, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1865 amended as follows:
- 1866 75-4-104. (a) In this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 1867 requires:
- 1868 (1) "Account" means any deposit or credit account with
- 1869 a bank, including a demand, time, savings, passbook, share draft,
- 1870 or like account, other than an account evidenced by a certificate
- 1871 of deposit.
- 1872 (2) "Afternoon" means the period of a day between noon
- 1873 and midnight.
- 1874 (3) "Banking day" means the part of a day on which a
- 1875 bank is open to the public for carrying on substantially all of
- 1876 its banking functions.
- 1877 (4) "Clearinghouse" means an association of banks or
- 1878 other payors regularly clearing items.

L879	(5) "Customer" means a person having an account with a
1880	bank or for whom a bank has agreed to collect items, including a
1881	bank that maintains an account at another bank.
L882	(6) "Documentary draft" means a draft to be presented
1883	for acceptance or payment if specified documents, certificated

- 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.
- 1888 (7) "Draft" means a draft as defined in Section

  1889 75-3-104 or an item, other than an instrument, that is an order.
- 1890 (8) "Drawee" means a person ordered in a draft to make
  1891 payment.
- 1892 (9) "Item" means an instrument or a promise or order to
  1893 pay money handled by a bank for collection or payment. The term
  1894 does not include a payment order governed by Chapter 4A or a
  1895 credit or debit card slip.
- 1896 (10) "Midnight deadline" with respect to a bank is
  1897 midnight on its next banking day following the banking day on
  1898 which it receives the relevant item or notice or from which the
  1899 time for taking action commences to run, whichever is later.
- 1900 (11) "Settle" means to pay in cash, by clearinghouse 1901 settlement, in a charge or credit or by remittance, or otherwise 1902 as agreed. A settlement may be either provisional or final.
- 1903 (12) "Suspends payments" with respect to a bank means
  1904 that it has been closed by order of the supervisory authorities,
  1905 that a public officer has been appointed to take it over, or that
  1906 it ceases or refuses to make payments in the ordinary course of
  1907 business.
- 1908 (b) Other definitions applying to this chapter and the 1909 sections in which they appear are:
- 1910 "Agreement for electronic

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1911 presentment" Section 75-4-110

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1913		"Collecting bank"	Section 75-4-105
1914		"Depositary bank"	Section 75-4-105
1915		"Intermediary bank"	Section 75-4-105
1916		"Payor bank"	Section 75-4-105
1917		"Presenting bank"	Section 75-4-105
1918		"Presentment notice"	Section 75-4-110
1919		(c) The following definitions in other	chapters apply to
1920	this	chapter:	
1921		"Acceptance"	Section 75-3-409
1922		"Alteration"	Section 75-3-407
1923		"Cashier's check"	Section 75-3-104
1924		"Certificate of deposit"	Section 75-3-104
1925		"Certified check"	Section 75-3-409
1926		"Check"	Section 75-3-104
1927		"Control"	Section 75-7-106
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1928 1929	* *	* "Holder in due course"	Section 75-3-302
	* *		Section 75-3-302 Section 75-3-104
1929	* *	"Holder in due course"	
1929 1930	* *	"Holder in due course" "Instrument"	Section 75-3-104
1929 1930 1931	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503
1929 1930 1931 1932	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103
1929 1930 1931 1932 1933	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"  "Ordinary care"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103
1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"  "Ordinary care"  "Person entitled to enforce"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-301
1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"  "Ordinary care"  "Person entitled to enforce"  "Presentment"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-301 Section 75-3-501
1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"  "Ordinary care"  "Person entitled to enforce"  "Presentment"  "Promise"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-301 Section 75-3-501 Section 75-3-103
1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"  "Ordinary care"  "Person entitled to enforce"  "Presentment"  "Promise"  "Prove"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-301 Section 75-3-501 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103
1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"  "Ordinary care"  "Person entitled to enforce"  "Presentment"  "Promise"  "Prove"  "Remotely created check"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-301 Section 75-3-501 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103
1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939	* *	"Holder in due course"  "Instrument"  "Notice of dishonor"  "Order"  "Ordinary care"  "Person entitled to enforce"  "Presentment"  "Promise"  "Prove"  "Remotely created check"  "Teller's check"	Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-503 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-501 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-103 Section 75-3-104 Section 75-3-403
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1944 SECTION 2	29.	Section	75-4-105,	Mississippi	Code	of	1972,	is
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- 1945 amended as follows:
- 1946 75-4-105. **Definitions of types of banks**. In this chapter:
- 1947 (1) [Reserved]
- 1948 (2) "Depositary bank" means the first bank to take an
- 1949 item even though it is also the payor bank, unless the item is
- 1950 presented for immediate payment over the counter.
- 1951 (3) "Payor bank" means a bank that is the drawee of a
- 1952 draft.
- 1953 (4) "Intermediary bank" means a bank to which an item
- 1954 is transferred in course of collection except the depositary or
- 1955 payor bank.
- 1956 (5) "Collecting bank" means a bank handling an item for
- 1957 collection except the payor bank.
- 1958 (6) "Presenting bank" means a bank presenting an item
- 1959 except a payor bank.
- 1960 **SECTION 30.** Section 75-4-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1961 amended as follows:
- 1962 75-4-207. (a) A customer or collecting bank that transfers
- 1963 an item and receives a settlement or other consideration warrants
- 1964 to the transferee and to any subsequent collecting bank that:
- 1965 (1) The warrantor is a person entitled to enforce the
- 1966 item;
- 1967 (2) All signatures on the item are authentic and
- 1968 authorized;
- 1969 (3) The item has not been altered;
- 1970 (4) The item is not subject to a defense or claim in
- 1971 recoupment (Section 75-3-305(a)) of any party that can be asserted
- 1972 against the warrantor; \* \* \*
- 1973 (5) The warrantor has no knowledge of any insolvency
- 1974 proceeding commenced with respect to the maker or acceptor or, in
- 1975 the case of an unaccepted draft, the drawer; and

1976 (6) With respect to a remotely created check, that the

1977 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn

1978 authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the

1979 check and to the payee stated on the check.

- 1980 (b) If an item is dishonored, a customer or collecting bank 1981 transferring the item and receiving settlement or other 1982 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, 1983 1984 or (ii) if the transfer was of an incomplete item, according to its terms when completed as stated in Sections 75-3-115 and 1985 1986 75-3-407. The obligation of a transferor is owed to the transferee and to any subsequent collecting bank that takes the 1987 1988 item in good faith. A transferor cannot disclaim its obligation 1989 under this subsection by an indorsement stating that it is made 1990 "without recourse" or otherwise disclaiming liability.
- (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.
- 2004 (e) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this 2005 section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the 2006 breach.
- 2007 **SECTION 31.** Section 75-4-208, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2008 amended as follows:

- 75-4-208. (a) If an unaccepted draft is presented to the drawee for payment or acceptance and the drawee pays or accepts the draft, (i) the person obtaining payment or acceptance, at the time of presentment, and (ii) a previous transferor of the draft, at the time of transfer, warrant to the drawee that pays or accepts the draft in good faith that:
- 2015 (1) The warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor 2016 transferred the draft, a person entitled to enforce the draft or 2017 authorized to obtain payment or acceptance of the draft on behalf 2018 of a person entitled to enforce the draft;
  - (2) The draft has not been altered; \* \* \*
- 2020 (3) The warrantor has no knowledge that the signature 2021 of the purported drawer of the draft is unauthorized; and
- 2022 (4) With respect to a remotely created check, that the
  2023 person on whose account the remotely created check is drawn
  2024 authorized the issuance of the check in the amount stated on the
  2025 check and to the payee stated on the check.
- 2026 A drawee making payment may recover from a warrantor 2027 damages for breach of warranty equal to the amount paid by the 2028 drawee less the amount the drawee received or is entitled to 2029 receive from the drawer because of the payment. In addition, the 2030 drawee is entitled to compensation for expenses and loss of 2031 interest resulting from the breach. The right of the drawee to recover damages under this subsection is not affected by any 2032 2033 failure of the drawee to exercise ordinary care in making payment. 2034 If the drawee accepts the draft (i) breach of warranty is a 2035 defense to the obligation of the acceptor, and (ii) if the 2036 acceptor makes payment with respect to the draft, the acceptor is 2037 entitled to recover from a warrantor for breach of warranty the 2038 amounts stated in this subsection.
- 2039 (c) If a drawee asserts a claim for breach of warranty under
  2040 subsection (a) based on an unauthorized indorsement of the draft
  2041 or an alteration of the draft, the warrantor may defend by proving
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2042 that the indorsement is effective under Section 75-3-404 or

2043 75-3-405 or the drawer is precluded under Section 75-3-406 or

2044 75-4-406 from asserting against the drawee the unauthorized

2045 indorsement or alteration.

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2046 If (i) a dishonored draft is presented for payment to 2047 the drawer or an indorser or (ii) any other item is presented for 2048 payment to a party obliged to pay the item, and the item is paid, 2049 the person obtaining payment and a prior transferor of the item 2050 warrant to the person making payment in good faith that the warrantor is, or was, at the time the warrantor transferred the 2051 2052 item, a person entitled to enforce the item or authorized to 2053 obtain payment on behalf of a person entitled to enforce the item. 2054 The person making payment may recover from any warrantor for breach of warranty an amount equal to the amount paid plus 2055

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.
- 2064 (f) A cause of action for breach of warranty under this 2065 section accrues when the claimant has reason to know of the 2066 breach.
- SECTION 32. Section 75-4-212, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 75-4-212. (a) Unless otherwise instructed, a collecting
  bank may present an item not payable by, through, or at a bank by
  sending to the party to accept or pay a record providing notice
  that the bank holds the item for acceptance or payment. The
  notice must be sent in time to be received on or before the day
  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 the bank's next banking day after it knows of the requirement.

- 2077 (b) If presentment is made by notice and payment,
  2078 acceptance, or request for compliance with a requirement under
  2079 Section 75-3-501 is not received by the close of business on the
  2080 day after maturity or, in the case of demand items, by the close
  2081 of business on the third banking day after notice was sent, the
  2082 presenting bank may treat the item as dishonored and charge any
  2083 drawer or indorser by sending it notice of the facts.
- 2084 **SECTION 33.** Section 75-4-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 75-4-301. (a) If a payor bank settles for a demand item
  other than a documentary draft presented otherwise than for
  immediate payment over the counter before midnight of the banking
  day of receipt, the payor bank may revoke the settlement and
  recover the settlement if, before it has made final payment and
  before its midnight deadline, it:
- 2092 (1) Returns the item; \* \* \*
- 2093 (2) Returns an image of the item, if the party to which
  2094 the return is made has entered into an agreement to accept an
  2095 image as a return of the item and the image is returned in
  2096 accordance with that agreement; or
- 2097 <u>(3)</u> Sends <u>a record providing</u> notice of dishonor or 2098 nonpayment if the item is unavailable for return.
- 2099 (b) If a demand item is received by a payor bank for credit
  2100 on its books, it may return the item or send notice of dishonor
  2101 and may revoke any credit given or recover the amount thereof
  2102 withdrawn by its customer, if it acts within the time limit and in
  2103 the manner specified in subsection (a).
- 2104 (c) Unless previous notice of dishonor has been sent, an
  2105 item is dishonored at the time when for purposes of dishonor it is
  2106 returned or notice sent in accordance with this section.
- 2107 (d) An item is returned:

- 2108 (1) As to an item presented through a clearinghouse,
- 2109 when it is delivered to the presenting or last collecting bank or
- 2110 to the clearinghouse or is sent or delivered in accordance with
- 2111 clearinghouse rules; or
- 2112 (2) In all other cases, when it is sent or delivered to
- 2113 the bank's customer or transferor or pursuant to instructions.
- 2114 **SECTION 34.** Section 75-4-403, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 2115 amended as follows:
- 2116 75-4-403. (a) A customer or any person authorized to draw
- 2117 on the account if there is more than one person may stop payment
- 2118 of any item drawn on the customer's account or close the account
- 2119 by an order to the bank describing the item or account with
- 2120 reasonable certainty received at a time and in a manner that
- 2121 affords the bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it before any
- 2122 action by the bank with respect to the item described in Section
- 2123 75-4-303. If the signature of more than one person is required to
- 2124 draw on an account, any of these persons may stop payment or close
- 2125 the account.
- 2126 (b) A stop-payment order is effective for six (6) months,
- 2127 but it lapses after fourteen (14) calendar days if the original
- 2128 order was oral and was not confirmed in writing within that
- 2129 period. A stop-payment order may be renewed for additional
- 2130 six-month periods by a record given to the bank within a period
- 2131 during which the stop-payment order is effective.
- 2132 (c) The burden of establishing the fact and amount of loss
- 2133 resulting from the payment of an item contrary to a stop-payment
- 2134 order or order to close an account is on the customer. The loss
- 2135 from payment of an item contrary to a stop-payment order may
- 2136 include damages for dishonor of subsequent items under Section
- 2137 75-4-402.
- 2138 **SECTION 35.** Section 75-4A-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 2139 amended as follows:
- 2140 75-4A-105. (a) In this chapter:

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2141	(1) "Authorized account" means a deposit account of a
2142	customer in a bank designated by the customer as a source of
2143	payment of payment orders issued by the customer to the bank. If
2144	a customer does not so designate an account, any account of the
2145	customer is an authorized account if payment of a payment order
2146	from that account is not inconsistent with a restriction on the
2147	use of that account.

- 2148 (2) "Bank" means a person engaged in the business of 2149 banking and includes a savings bank, savings and loan association, 2150 credit union, and trust company. A branch or separate office of a 2151 bank is a separate bank for purposes of this chapter.
- 2152 (3) "Customer" means a person, including a bank, having
  2153 an account with a bank or from whom a bank has agreed to receive
  2154 payment orders.
- 2155 (4) <u>"</u>Funds-transfer business day" of a receiving bank
  2156 means the part of a day during which the receiving bank is open
  2157 for the receipt, processing, and transmittal of payment orders and
  2158 cancellations and amendments of payment orders.
- 2159 (5) "Funds-transfer system" means a wire transfer
  2160 network, automated clearinghouse, or other communication system of
  2161 a clearinghouse or other association of banks through which a
  2162 payment order by a bank may be transmitted to the bank to which
  2163 the order is addressed.
- 2164 (6) [Reserved]
- 2165 (7) "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the 2166 burden of establishing the fact (Section 75-1-201(b)(8)).
- 2167 (b) Other definitions applying to this chapter and the 2168 sections in which they appear are:

2169	"Acceptance"	Section	75-4A-209
2170	"Beneficiary"	Section	75-4A-103
2171	"Beneficiary's bank"	Section	75-4A-103
2172	"Executed"	Section	75-4A-301
2173	"Execution date"	Section	75-4A-301

2174	"Funds transfer"	Section	75-4A-104
2175	"Funds-transfer system rule"	Section	75-4A-501
2176	"Intermediary bank"	Section	75-4A-104
2177	"Originator"	Section	75-4A-104
2178	"Originator's bank"	Section	75-4A-104
2179	"Payment by beneficiary's		
2180	bank to beneficiary"	Section	75-4A-405
2181	"Payment by originator to		
2182	beneficiary"	Section	75-4A-406
2183	"Payment by sender to		
2184	receiving bank"	Section	75-4A-403
2185	"Payment date"	Section	75-4A-401
2186	"Payment order"	Section	75-4A-103
2187	"Receiving bank"	Section	75-4A-103
2188	"Security procedure"	Section	75-4A-201
2189	"Sender"	Section	75-4A-103
2190	(c) The following definitions in Title	75, Chap	oter 4, apply
2191	to this chapter:		
2192	"Clearinghouse"	Section	75-4-104
2193	"Item"	Section	75-4-104
2194	"Suspends payments"	Section	75-4-104
2195	(d) In addition Title 75, Chapter 1, c	ontains o	general
2196	definitions and principles of construction a	nd interp	oretation
2197	applicable throughout this chapter.		
2198	SECTION 36. Section 75-4A-106, Mississ	ippi Code	e of 1972, is
2199	amended as follows:		
2200	75-4A-106. (a) The time of receipt of	a paymer	nt order or
2201	communication cancelling or amending a payme	nt order	is determined
2202	by the rules applicable to receipt of a noti	ce stated	d in Section
2203	75-1-202. A receiving bank may fix a cut-of	f time or	times on a
2204	funds-transfer business day for the receipt	and proce	essing of
2205	payment orders and communications cancelling	or amend	ding payment
2206	orders. Different cut-off times may apply t	o payment	orders,

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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.

SECTION 37. Section 75-4A-204, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 2222 2223 amended as follows:

75-4A-204. (a) If a receiving bank accepts a payment order issued in the name of its customer as sender which is (i) not 2225 2226 authorized and not effective as the order of the customer under Section 75-4A-202, or (ii) not enforceable, in whole or in part, 2227 2228 against the customer under Section 75-4A-203, the bank shall 2229 refund any payment of the payment order received from the customer 2230 to the extent the bank is not entitled to enforce payment and 2231 shall pay interest on the refundable amount calculated from the 2232 date the bank received payment to the date of the refund. 2233 However, the customer is not entitled to interest from the bank on 2234 the amount to be refunded if the customer fails to exercise 2235 ordinary care to determine that the order was not authorized by 2236 the customer and to notify the bank of the relevant facts within a 2237 reasonable time not exceeding ninety (90) days after the date the 2238 customer received notification from the bank that the order was 2239 accepted or that the customer's account was debited with respect

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2240 to the order. The bank is not entitled to any recovery from the

2241 customer on account of a failure by the customer to give

- 2242 notification as stated in this section.
- (b) Reasonable time under subsection (a) may be fixed by
- 2244 agreement as stated in Section 75-1-302(b), but the obligation of
- 2245 a receiving bank to refund payment as stated in subsection (a) may
- 2246 not otherwise be varied by agreement.
- 2247 **SECTION 38.** Section 75-5-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 2248 amended as follows:
- 2249 75-5-103. (a) This chapter applies to letters of credit and
- 2250 to certain rights and obligations arising out of transactions
- 2251 involving letters of credit.
- 2252 (b) The statement of a rule in this chapter does not by
- 2253 itself require, imply, or negate application of the same or a
- 2254 different rule to a situation not provided for, or to a person not
- 2255 specified, in this chapter.
- 2256 (c) With the exception of this subsection, subsections (a)
- 2257 and (d), Sections 75-5-102(a)(9) and (10), 75-5-106(d), and
- 75-5-114(d), and except to the extent prohibited in Sections
- $\frac{75-1-302}{2}$  and  $\frac{75-5-117}{2}$  and  $\frac{75-1}{2}$  and  $\frac{75-1}{2}$
- 2260 by agreement or by a provision stated or incorporated by reference
- 2261 in an undertaking. A term in an agreement or undertaking
- 2262 generally excusing liability or generally limiting remedies for
- 2263 failure to perform obligations is not sufficient to vary
- 2264 obligations prescribed by this chapter.
- 2265 (d) Rights and obligations of an issuer to a beneficiary or
- 2266 a nominated person under a letter of credit are independent of the
- 2267 existence, performance or nonperformance of a contract or
- 2268 arrangement out of which the letter of credit arises or which
- 2269 underlies it, including contracts or arrangements between the
- 2270 issuer and the applicant and between the applicant and the
- 2271 beneficiary.

- 2272 **SECTION 39.** Section 75-7-102, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 2273 amended as follows:
- 2274 75-7-102. (a) In this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 2275 requires:
- 2276 (1) "Bailee" means a person that by a warehouse
- 2277 receipt, bill of lading, or other document of title acknowledges
- 2278 possession of goods and contracts to deliver them.
- 2279 (2) "Carrier" means a person that issues a bill of
- 2280 lading.
- 2281 (3) "Consignee" means a person named in a bill of
- 2282 lading to which or to whose order the bill promises delivery.
- 2283 (4) "Consignor" means a person named in a bill of
- 2284 lading as the person from which the goods have been received for
- 2285 shipment.
- 2286 (5) "Delivery order" means a record that contains an
- 2287 order to deliver goods directed to a warehouse, carrier, or other
- 2288 person that in the ordinary course of business issues warehouse
- 2289 receipts or bills of lading.
- 2290 (6) [Reserved]
- 2291 (7) "Goods" means all things that are treated as
- 2292 movable for the purposes of a contract for storage or
- 2293 transportation.
- 2294 (8) "Issuer" means a bailee that issues a document of
- 2295 title or, in the case of an unaccepted delivery order, the person
- 2296 that orders the possessor of goods to deliver. The term includes
- 2297 a person for which an agent or employee purports to act in issuing
- 2298 a document if the agent or employee has real or apparent authority
- 2299 to issue documents, even if the issuer did not receive any goods,
- 2300 the goods were misdescribed, or in any other respect the agent or
- 2301 employee violated the issuer's instructions.
- 2302 (9) "Person entitled under the document" means the
- 2303 holder, in the case of a negotiable document of title, or the
- 2304 person to which delivery of the goods is to be made by the terms

- 2305 of, or pursuant to instructions in a record under, a nonnegotiable
- 2306 document of title.
- 2307 (10) [Reserved]
- 2308 (11) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate
- 2309 or adopt a record:
- 2310 (A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
- 2311 (B) To attach to or logically associate with the
- 2312 record an electronic sound, symbol, or process.
- 2313 (12) "Shipper" means a person that enters into a
- 2314 contract of transportation with a carrier.
- 2315 "Warehouse" means a person engaged in the business
- 2316 of storing goods for hire.
- 2317 (b) Definitions in other chapters applying to this chapter
- 2318 and the sections in which they appear are:
- 2319 (1) "Contract for sale," Section 75-2-106.
- 2320 (2) "Lessee in the ordinary course of business,"
- 2321 Section 75-2A-103.
- 2322 (3) "'Receipt' of goods," Section 75-2-103.
- 2323 (c) In addition, Chapter 1 of this title contains general
- 2324 definitions and principles of construction and interpretation
- 2325 applicable throughout this chapter.
- 2326 **SECTION 40.** Section 75-8-102, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 2327 amended as follows:
- 2328 75-8-102. (a) In this chapter:
- 2329 (1) "Adverse claim" means a claim that a claimant has a
- 2330 property interest in a financial asset and that it is a violation
- 2331 of the rights of the claimant for another person to hold,
- 2332 transfer, or deal with the financial asset.
- 2333 (2) "Bearer form," as applied to a certificated
- 2334 security, means a form in which the security is payable to the
- 2335 bearer of the security certificate according to its terms but not
- 2336 by reason of an indorsement.

2337	(3) "Broker" means a person defined as a broker or
2338	dealer under the federal securities laws, but without excluding a
2339	bank acting in that capacity.
2340	(4) "Certificated security" means a security that is
2341	represented by a certificate.
2342	(5) "Clearing corporation" means:
2343	(i) A person that is registered as a "clearing
2344	agency" under the federal securities laws;
2345	(ii) A federal reserve bank; or
2346	(iii) Any other person that provides clearance or
2347	settlement services with respect to financial assets that would
2348	require it to register as a clearing agency under the federal
2349	securities laws but for an exclusion or exemption from the
2350	registration requirement, if its activities as a clearing
2351	corporation, including promulgation of rules, are subject to
2352	regulation by a federal or state governmental authority.
2353	(6) "Communicate" means to:
2354	(i) Send a signed writing; or
2355	(ii) Transmit information by any mechanism agreed
2356	upon by the persons transmitting and receiving the information.
2357	(7) "Entitlement holder" means a person identified in
2358	the records of a securities intermediary as the person having a
2359	security entitlement against the securities intermediary. If a
2360	person acquires a security entitlement by virtue of Section
2361	75-8-501(b)(2) or (3), that person is the entitlement holder.
2362	(8) "Entitlement order" means a notification
2363	communicated to a securities intermediary directing transfer or
2364	redemption of a financial asset to which the entitlement holder
2365	has a security entitlement.
2366	(9) "Financial asset," except as otherwise provided in
2367	Section 75-8-103, means:

(i) A security;

2369 (ii) An obligation of a person or a share, 2370 participation, or other interest in a person or in property or an enterprise of a person, which is, or is of a type, dealt in or 2371 2372 traded on financial markets, or which is recognized in any area in 2373 which it is issued or dealt in as a medium for investment; or 2374 (iii) Any property that is held by a securities 2375 intermediary for another person in a securities account if the 2376 securities intermediary has expressly agreed with the other person 2377 that the property is to be treated as a financial asset under this chapter. As context requires, the term means either the interest 2378 2379 itself or the means by which a person's claim to it is evidenced, 2380 including a certificated or uncertificated security, a security 2381 certificate, or a security entitlement.

## 2382 (10) [Reserved]

- 2383 (11) "Indorsement" means a signature that alone or
  2384 accompanied by other words is made on a security certificate in
  2385 registered form or on a separate document for the purpose of
  2386 assigning, transferring, or redeeming the security or granting a
  2387 power to assign, transfer, or redeem it.
- 2388 (12) "Instruction" means a notification communicated to 2389 the issuer of an uncertificated security which directs that the 2390 transfer of the security be registered or that the security be 2391 redeemed.
- 2392 (13) "Registered form," as applied to a certificated 2393 security, means a form in which:
- 2394 (i) The security certificate specifies a person 2395 entitled to the security; and
- 2396 (ii) A transfer of the security may be registered 2397 upon books maintained for that purpose by or on behalf of the 2398 issuer, or the security certificate so states.
- 2399 (14) "Securities intermediary" means:
- 2400 (i) A clearing corporation; or

2401	(ii) A person, including a	bank or broker, that in
2402	the ordinary course of its business mainta	ins securities accounts
2403	for others and is acting in that capacity.	
2404	(15) "Security," except as other	rwise provided in
2405	Section 75-8-103, means an obligation of a	n issuer or a share,
2406	participation, or other interest in an iss	uer or in property or an
2407	enterprise of an issuer:	
2408	(i) Which is represented b	y a security certificate
2409	in bearer or registered form, or the trans	fer of which may be
2410	registered upon books maintained for that	purpose by or on behalf
2411	of the issuer;	
2412	(ii) Which is one of a cla	ss or series or by its
2413	terms is divisible into a class or series	of shares,
2414	participations, interests, or obligations;	and
2415	(iii) Which:	
2416	(A) Is, or is of a ty	pe, dealt in or traded
2417	on securities exchanges or securities mark	ets; or
2418	(B) Is a medium for i	nvestment and by its
2419	terms expressly provides that it is a secu	rity governed by this
2420	chapter.	
2421	(16) "Security certificate" mea	ns a certificate
2422	representing a security.	
2423	(17) "Security entitlement" mea	ns the rights and
2424	property interest of an entitlement holder	with respect to a
2425	financial asset specified in Part 5 of thi	s chapter.
2426	(18) "Uncertificated security"	means a security that is
2427	not represented by a certificate.	
2428	(b) Other definitions applying to the	is chapter and the
2429	sections in which they appear are:	
2430	Appropriate person Se	ection 75-8-107
2431	Control	ection 75-8-106
2432	Delivery	ection 75-8-301

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2434	Issuer	Section 75-8-201
2435	Overissue	Section 75-8-210
2436	Protected purchaser	Section 75-8-303
2437	Securities account	Section 75-8-501
2438	(c) In addition, Chapter 1 conta	ins general definitions and
2439	principles of construction and interpr	etation applicable
2440	throughout this chapter.	
2441	(d) The characterization of a pe	rson, business, or
2442	transaction for purposes of this chapt	er does not determine the
2443	characterization of the person, busine	ss, or transaction for
2444	purposes of any other law, regulation,	or rule.
2445	<b>SECTION 41.</b> Section 75-9-102, Mi	ssissippi Code of 1972, is
2446	amended as follows:	
2447	75-9-102. (a) In this article:	
2448	(1) "Accession" means goods	that are physically united
2449	with other goods in such a manner that	the identity of the
2450	original goods is not lost.	
2451	(2) "Account," except as us	ed in "account for," means a
2452	right to payment of a monetary obligat	ion, whether or not earned
2453	by performance, (i) for property that	has been or is to be sold,
2454	leased, licensed, assigned, or otherwi	se disposed of, (ii) for
2455	services rendered or to be rendered, (	iii) for a policy of
2456	insurance issued or to be issued, (iv)	for a secondary obligation
2457	incurred or to be incurred, (v) for en	ergy provided or to be
2458	provided, (vi) for the use or hire of	a vessel under a charter or
2459	other contract, (vii) arising out of t	he use of a credit or charge
2460	card or information contained on or fo	r use with the card, or
2461	(viii) as winnings in a lottery or oth	er game of chance operated
2462	or sponsored by a state, governmental	unit of a state, or person
2463	licensed or authorized to operate the	game by a state or
2464	governmental unit of a state. The ter	m includes
2465	health-care-insurance receivables. Th	e term does not include (i)
2466	rights to payment evidenced by chattel	paper or an instrument,

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- 2467 (ii) commercial tort claims, (iii) deposit accounts, (iv)
- 2468 investment property, (v) letter-of-credit rights or letters of
- 2469 credit, or (vi) rights to payment for money or funds advanced or
- 2470 sold, other than rights arising out of the use of a credit or
- 2471 charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.
- 2472 (3) "Account debtor" means a person obligated on an
- 2473 account, chattel paper, or general intangible. The term does not
- 2474 include persons obligated to pay a negotiable instrument, even if
- 2475 the instrument constitutes part of chattel paper.
- 2476 (4) "Accounting," except as used in "accounting for,"
- 2477 means a record:
- 2478 (A) Authenticated by a secured party;
- 2479 (B) Indicating the aggregate unpaid secured
- 2480 obligations as of a date not more than thirty-five (35) days
- 2481 earlier or thirty-five (35) days later than the date of the
- 2482 record; and
- 2483 (C) Identifying the components of the obligations
- 2484 in reasonable detail.
- 2485 (5) "Agricultural lien" means an interest in farm
- 2486 products:
- 2487 (A) Which secures payment or performance of an
- 2488 obligation for:
- 2489 (i) Goods or services furnished in connection
- 2490 with a debtor's farming operation; or
- 2491 (ii) Rent on real property leased by a debtor
- 2492 in connection with its farming operation;
- 2493 (B) Which is created by statute in favor of a
- 2494 person that:
- 2495 (i) In the ordinary course of its business
- 2496 furnished goods or services to a debtor in connection with a
- 2497 debtor's farming operation; or
- 2498 (ii) Leased real property to a debtor in
- 2499 connection with the debtor's farming operation; and



2500	(C) Whose effectiveness does not depend on the
2501	person's possession of the personal property.
2502	(6) "As-extracted collateral" means:
2503	(A) Oil, gas, or other minerals that are subject
2504	to a security interest that:
2505	(i) Is created by a debtor having an interest
2506	in the minerals before extraction; and
2507	(ii) Attaches to the minerals as extracted;
2508	or
2509	(B) Accounts arising out of the sale at the
2510	wellhead or minehead of oil, gas, or other minerals in which the
2511	debtor had an interest before extraction.
2512	(7) "Authenticate" means:
2513	(A) To sign; or
2514	(B) To execute or otherwise adopt a symbol, or
2515	encrypt or similarly process a record in whole or in part, with
2516	the present intent of the authenticating person to identify the
2517	person and adopt or accept a record.
2518	(8) "Bank" means an organization that is engaged in the
2519	business of banking. The term includes savings banks, savings and
2520	loan associations, credit unions, and trust companies.
2521	(9) "Cash proceeds" means proceeds that are money,
2522	checks, deposit accounts, or the like.
2523	(10) "Certificate of title" means a certificate of
2524	title with respect to which a statute provides for the security
2525	interest in question to be indicated on the certificate as a
2526	condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority
2527	over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral.
2528	(11) "Chattel paper" means a record or records that
2529	evidence both a monetary obligation and a security interest in
2530	specific goods, a security interest in specific goods and software
2531	used in the goods, a security interest in specific goods and
2532	license of software used in the goods a lease of specific goods

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or a lease of specific goods and license of software used in the 2533 2534 goods. In this paragraph, "monetary obligation" means a monetary obligation secured by the goods or owed under a lease of the goods 2535 2536 and includes a monetary obligation with respect to software used 2537 in the goods. The term does not include (i) charters or other contracts involving the use or hire of a vessel or (ii) records 2538 2539 that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a 2540 credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with 2541 the card. If a transaction is evidenced by records that include an instrument or series of instruments, the group of records taken 2542 2543 together constitutes chattel paper.

- 2544 (12) "Collateral" means the property subject to a 2545 security interest or agricultural lien. The term includes:
- 2546 (A) Proceeds to which a security interest 2547 attaches;
- 2548 (B) Accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, 2549 and promissory notes that have been sold; and
- 2550 (C) Goods that are the subject of a consignment.
- 2551 (13) "Commercial tort claim" means a claim arising in 2552 tort with respect to which:
- 2553 (A) The claimant is an organization; or
- 2554 (B) The claimant is an individual and the claim:
- 2555 (i) Arose in the course of the claimant's
- 2556 business or profession; and
- 2557 (ii) Does not include damages arising out of 2558 personal injury to or the death of an individual.
- 2559 (14) "Commodity account" means an account maintained by 2560 a commodity intermediary in which a commodity contract is carried 2561 for a commodity customer.
- 2562 (15) "Commodity contract" means a commodity futures
  2563 contract, an option on a commodity futures contract, a commodity
  2564 option, or another contract if the contract or option is:

2565	(A) Traded on or subject to the rules of a board
2566	of trade that has been designated as a contract market for such a
2567	contract pursuant to federal commodities laws; or
2568	(B) Traded on a foreign commodity board of trade,
2569	exchange, or market, and is carried on the books of a commodity
2570	intermediary for a commodity customer.
2571	(16) "Commodity customer" means a person for which a
2572	commodity intermediary carries a commodity contract on its books.
2573	(17) "Commodity intermediary" means a person that:
2574	(A) Is registered as a futures commission merchan
2575	under federal commodities law; or
2576	(B) In the ordinary course of its business
2577	provides clearance or settlement services for a board of trade
2578	that has been designated as a contract market pursuant to federal
2579	commodities law.
2580	(18) "Communicate" means:
2581	(A) To send a written or other tangible record;
2582	(B) To transmit a record by any means agreed upon
2583	by the persons sending and receiving the record; or
2584	(C) In the case of transmission of a record to or
2585	by a filing office, to transmit a record by any means prescribed
2586	by filing-office rule.
2587	(19) "Consignee" means a merchant to which goods are
2588	delivered in a consignment.
2589	(20) "Consignment" means a transaction, regardless of
2590	its form, in which a person delivers goods to a merchant for the
2591	purpose of sale and:
2592	(A) The merchant:
2593	(i) Deals in goods of that kind under a name
2594	other than the name of the person making delivery;
2595	(ii) Is not an auctioneer; and
2596	(iii) Is not generally known by its creditors
2507	to be substantially engaged in selling the goods of others.

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- 2599 value of the goods is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more at
- 2600 the time of delivery;
- 2601 (C) The goods are not consumer goods immediately
- 2602 before delivery; and
- 2603 (D) The transaction does not create a security
- 2604 interest that secures an obligation.
- 2605 (21) "Consignor" means a person that delivers goods to
- 2606 a consignee in a consignment.
- 2607 (22) "Consumer debtor" means a debtor in a consumer
- 2608 transaction.
- 2609 "Consumer goods" means goods that are used or
- 2610 bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household
- 2611 purposes.
- 2612 (24) "Consumer-goods transaction" means a consumer
- 2613 transaction in which:
- 2614 (A) An individual incurs an obligation primarily
- 2615 for personal, family, or household purposes; and
- 2616 (B) A security interest in consumer goods secures
- 2617 the obligation.
- 2618 (25) "Consumer obligor" means an obligor who is an
- 2619 individual and who incurred the obligation as part of a
- 2620 transaction entered into primarily for personal, family, or
- 2621 household purposes.
- 2622 (26) "Consumer transaction" means a transaction in
- 2623 which (i) an individual incurs an obligation primarily for
- 2624 personal, family, or household purposes, (ii) a security interest
- 2625 secures the obligation, and (iii) the collateral is held or
- 2626 acquired primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 2627 The term includes consumer-goods transactions.
- 2628 (27) "Continuation statement" means an amendment of a
- 2629 financing statement which:

- 2630 (A) Identifies, by its file number, the initial 2631 financing statement to which it relates; and
- 2632 (B) Indicates that it is a continuation statement 2633 for, or that it is filed to continue the effectiveness of, the
- 2634 identified financing statement.
- 2635 (28) "Debtor" means:
- 2636 (A) A person having an interest, other than a
  2637 security interest or other lien, in the collateral, whether or not
  2638 the person is an obligor;
- 2639 (B) A seller of accounts, chattel paper, payment 2640 intangibles, or promissory notes; or
- 2641 (C) A consignee.
- 2642 (29) "Deposit account" means a demand, time, savings,
  2643 passbook, or similar account maintained with a bank. The term
  2644 does not include investment property or accounts evidenced by an
  2645 instrument.
- 2646 (30) "Document" means a document of title or a receipt 2647 of the type described in Section 75-7-201(b).
- 2648 (31) "Electronic chattel paper" means chattel paper

  2649 evidenced by a record or records consisting of information stored

  2650 in an electronic medium.
- 2651 (32) "Encumbrance" means a right, other than an
  2652 ownership interest, in real property. The term includes mortgages
  2653 and other liens on real property.
- 2654 (33) "Equipment" means goods other than inventory, farm 2655 products, or consumer goods.
- 2656 (34) "Farm products" means goods, other than standing 2657 timber, with respect to which the debtor is engaged in a farming 2658 operation and which are:
- 2659 (A) Crops grown, growing, or to be grown,
- 2660 including:
- 2661 (i) Crops produced on trees, vines, and
- 2662 bushes; and

2663	(ii)	Aquatic	goods	produced	in	aquacultural
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- 2664 operations;
- 2665 (B) Livestock, born or unborn, including aquatic
- 2666 goods produced in aquacultural operations;
- 2667 (C) Supplies used or produced in a farming
- 2668 operation; or
- 2669 (D) Products of crops or livestock in their
- 2670 unmanufactured states.
- 2671 (35) "Farming operation" means raising, cultivating,
- 2672 propagating, fattening, grazing, or any other farming, livestock
- 2673 or aquacultural operation.
- 2674 (36) "File number" means the number assigned to an
- 2675 initial financing statement pursuant to Section 75-9-519(a).
- 2676 (37) "Filing office" means an office designated in
- 2677 Section 75-9-501 as the place to file a financing statement.
- 2678 (38) "Filing-office rule" means a rule adopted pursuant
- 2679 to Section 75-9-526.
- 2680 (39) "Financing statement" means a record or records
- 2681 composed of an initial financing statement and any filed record
- 2682 relating to the initial financing statement.
- 2683 (40) "Fixture filing" means the filing of a financing
- 2684 statement covering goods that are or are to become fixtures and
- 2685 satisfying Section 75-9-502(a) and (b). The term includes the
- 2686 filing of a financing statement covering goods of a transmitting
- 2687 utility which are or are to become fixtures.
- 2688 (41) "Fixtures" means goods that have become so related
- 2689 to particular real property that an interest in them arises under
- 2690 real property law.
- 2691 (42) "General intangible" means any personal property,
- 2692 including things in action, other than accounts, chattel paper,
- 2693 commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, goods,
- 2694 instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters

of credit, money, and oil, gas, or other minerals before 2695 2696 extraction. The term includes payment intangibles and software.

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2698 (44)"Goods" means all things that are movable when a 2699 security interest attaches. The term includes (i) fixtures, (ii) 2700 standing timber that is to be cut and removed under a conveyance 2701 or contract for sale, (iii) the unborn young of animals, (iv) 2702 crops grown, growing, or to be grown, even if the crops are 2703 produced on trees, vines, or bushes, (v) farm-raised fish produced 2704 in fresh water according to the usual and customary techniques of 2705 commercial agriculture, (vi) manufactured homes and (vii) marine 2706 vessels (herein defined as every type of watercraft used, or 2707 capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water) 2708 including both marine vessels under construction, including 2709 engines and all items of equipment installed or to be installed 2710 therein, whether such vessels are being constructed by the shipbuilder for his own use or for sale (said vessels under 2711 2712 construction being classified as inventory within the meaning of 2713 Section 75-9-102(48)), and marine vessels after completion of 2714 construction so long as such vessels have not become "vessels of 2715 the United States" within the meaning of the Ship Mortgage Act of 2716 1920, 46 USCS, Section 911(4), as same is now written or may 2717 hereafter be amended (said completed vessels being classified as equipment within the meaning of Section 75-9-102(33)). The term 2718 2719 also includes a computer program embedded in goods and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction 2720 2721 relating to the program if (i) the program is associated with the 2722 goods in such a manner that it customarily is considered part of 2723 the goods, or (ii) by becoming the owner of the goods, a person 2724 acquires a right to use the program in connection with the goods. The term does not include a computer program embedded in goods 2725 2726 that consist solely of the medium in which the program is The term also does not include accounts, chattel paper, 2727 embedded.

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- 2728 commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general
- 2729 intangibles, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit
- 2730 rights, letters of credit, money, or oil, gas, or other minerals
- 2731 before extraction.
- 2732 (45) "Governmental unit" means a subdivision, agency,
- 2733 department, county, parish, municipality or other unit of the
- 2734 government of the United States, a state, or a foreign country.
- 2735 The term includes an organization having a separate corporate
- 2736 existence if the organization is eligible to issue debt on which
- 2737 interest is exempt from income taxation under the laws of the
- 2738 United States.
- 2739 (46) "Health-care-insurance receivable" means an
- 2740 interest in or claim under a policy of insurance which is a right
- 2741 to payment of a monetary obligation for health-care goods or
- 2742 services provided or to be provided.
- 2743 (47) "Instrument" means a negotiable instrument or any
- 2744 other writing that evidences a right to the payment of a monetary
- 2745 obligation, is not itself a security agreement or lease, and is of
- 2746 a type that in ordinary course of business is transferred by
- 2747 delivery with any necessary endorsement or assignment. The term
- 2748 does not include (i) investment property, (ii) letters of credit,
- 2749 or (iii) writings that evidence a right to payment arising out of
- 2750 the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or
- 2751 for use with the card.
- 2752 (48) "Inventory" means goods, other than farm products,
- 2753 which:
- 2754 (A) Are leased by a person as lessor;
- 2755 (B) Are held by a person for sale or lease or to
- 2756 be furnished under a contract of service;
- 2757 (C) Are furnished by a person under a contract of
- 2758 service; or
- 2759 (D) Consist of raw materials, work in process or
- 2760 materials used or consumed in a business.

- 2761 (49) "Investment property" means a security, whether 2762 certificated or uncertificated, security entitlement, securities
- 2763 account, commodity contract, or commodity account.
- 2764 (50) "Jurisdiction of organization," with respect to a
- 2765 registered organization, means the jurisdiction under whose law
- 2766 the organization is organized.
- 2767 (51) "Letter-of-credit right" means a right to payment
- 2768 or performance under a letter of credit, whether or not the
- 2769 beneficiary has demanded or is at the time entitled to demand
- 2770 payment or performance. The term does not include the right of a
- 2771 beneficiary to demand payment or performance under a letter of
- 2772 credit.
- 2773 (52) "Lien creditor" means:
- 2774 (A) A creditor that has acquired a lien on the
- 2775 property involved by attachment, levy, or the like;
- 2776 (B) An assignee for benefit of creditors from the
- 2777 time of assignment;
- 2778 (C) A trustee in bankruptcy from the date of the
- 2779 filing of the petition; or
- 2780 (D) A receiver in equity from the time of
- 2781 appointment.
- 2782 (53) "Manufactured home" means a structure,
- 2783 transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling
- 2784 mode, is eight (8) body feet or more in width or forty (40) body
- 2785 feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is three hundred
- 2786 twenty (320) or more square feet, and which is built on a
- 2787 permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or
- 2788 without a permanent foundation when connected to the required
- 2789 utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning,
- 2790 and electrical systems contained therein. The term includes any
- 2791 structure that meets all of the requirements of this paragraph
- 2792 except the size requirements and with respect to which the
- 2793 manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the

- 2794 United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and
- 2795 complies with the standards established under Title 42 of the
- 2796 United States Code.
- 2797 (54) "Manufactured-home transaction" means a secured
- 2798 transaction:
- 2799 (A) That creates a purchase-money security
- 2800 interest in a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home
- 2801 held as inventory; or
- 2802 (B) In which a manufactured home, other than a
- 2803 manufactured home held as inventory, is the primary collateral.
- 2804 (55) "Mortgage" means a consensual interest in real
- 2805 property, including fixtures, which secures payment or performance
- 2806 of an obligation. "Mortgage" shall mean and include a deed of
- 2807 trust.
- 2808 (56) "New debtor" means a person that becomes bound as
- 2809 debtor under Section 75-9-203(d) by a security agreement
- 2810 previously entered into by another person.
- 2811 (57) "New value" means (i) money, (ii) money's worth in
- 2812 property, services, or new credit, or (iii) release by a
- 2813 transferee of an interest in property previously transferred to
- 2814 the transferee. The term does not include an obligation
- 2815 substituted for another obligation.
- 2816 (58) "Noncash proceeds" means proceeds other than cash
- 2817 proceeds.
- 2818 (59) "Obligor" means a person that, with respect to an
- 2819 obligation secured by a security interest in or an agricultural
- 2820 lien on the collateral, (i) owes payment or other performance of
- 2821 the obligation, (ii) has provided property other than the
- 2822 collateral to secure payment or other performance of the
- 2823 obligation, or (iii) is otherwise accountable in whole or in part
- 2824 for payment or other performance of the obligation. The term does
- 2825 not include issuers or nominated persons under a letter of credit.

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"Original debtor," except as used in Section
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      75-9-310(c), means a person that, as debtor, entered into a
      security agreement to which a new debtor has become bound under
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      Section 75-9-203(d).
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                     "Payment intangible" means a general intangible
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      under which the account debtor's principal obligation is a
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      monetary obligation.
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                     "Person related to," with respect to an
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      individual, means:
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                           The spouse of the individual;
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                      (B)
                          A brother, brother-in-law, sister, or
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      sister-in-law of the individual;
                         An ancestor or lineal descendant of the
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                      (C)
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      individual or the individual's spouse; or
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                      (D) Any other relative, by blood or marriage, of
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      the individual or the individual's spouse who shares the same home
      with the individual.
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                       "Person related to," with respect to an
      organization, means:
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                         A person directly or indirectly controlling,
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      controlled by, or under common control with the organization;
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                          An officer or director of, or a person
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      performing similar functions with respect to, the organization;
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      performing similar functions with respect to, a person described
      in subparagraph (A);
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                      (D) The spouse of an individual described in
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      subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); or
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                         An individual who is related by blood or
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      marriage to an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C),
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      or (D) and shares the same home with the individual.
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                      "Proceeds," except as used in Section 75-9-609(b),
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means the following property:

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2859 Whatever is acquired upon the sale, lease, (A) 2860 license, exchange or other disposition of collateral; 2861 (B) Whatever is collected on, or distributed on 2862 account of, collateral; 2863 (C) Rights arising out of collateral; 2864 To the extent of the value of collateral, 2865 claims arising out of the loss, nonconformity, or interference with the use of, defects or infringement of rights in, or damage 2866 2867 to, the collateral; or To the extent of the value of collateral and 2868 (E) 2869 to the extent payable to the debtor or the secured party, insurance payable by reason of the loss or nonconformity of, 2870 2871 defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the 2872 collateral. 2873 (64A) "Production-money crops" means crops that secure a production-money obligation incurred with respect to the 2874 2875 production of those crops. 2876 "Production-money obligation" means an obligation 2877 of an obligor incurred for new value given to enable the debtor to 2878 produce crops if the value is in fact used for the production of 2879 the crops. "Production of crops" includes tilling and 2880 (64C) 2881 otherwise preparing land for growing, planting, cultivating, fertilizing, irrigating, harvesting and gathering crops, and 2882 2883 protecting them from damage or disease. 2884 "Promissory note" means an instrument that 2885 evidences a promise to pay a monetary obligation, does not 2886 evidence an order to pay, and does not contain an acknowledgment 2887 by a bank that the bank has received for deposit a sum of money or 2888 funds. 2889 (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

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- the obligation it secures pursuant to Sections 75-9-620, 75-9-621,
- 2893 and 75-9-622.
- 2894 (67) "Public-finance transaction" means a secured
- 2895 transaction in connection with which:
- 2896 (A) Debt securities are issued;
- 2897 (B) All or a portion of the securities issued have
- 2898 an initial stated maturity of at least twenty (20) years; and
- 2899 (C) The debtor, obligor, secured party, account
- 2900 debtor or other person obligated on collateral, assignor or
- 2901 assignee of a secured obligation, or assignor or assignee of a
- 2902 security interest is a state or a governmental unit of a state.
- 2903 (68) "Pursuant to commitment," with respect to an
- 2904 advance made or other value given by a secured party, means
- 2905 pursuant to the secured party's obligation, whether or not a
- 2906 subsequent event of default or other event not within the secured
- 2907 party's control has relieved or may relieve the secured party from
- 2908 its obligation.
- 2909 "Record," except as used in "for record," "of
- 2910 record," "record or legal title," and "record owner," means
- 2911 information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or which is
- 2912 stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in
- 2913 perceivable form.
- 2914 (70) "Registered organization" means an organization
- 2915 organized solely under the law of a single state or the United
- 2916 States and as to which the state or the United States must
- 2917 maintain a public record showing the organization to have been
- 2918 organized.
- 2919 (71) "Secondary obligor" means an obligor to the extent
- 2920 that:
- 2921 (A) The obligar's obligation is secondary; or
- 2922 (B) The obligor has a right of recourse with
- 2923 respect to an obligation secured by collateral against the debtor,
- 2924 another obligor, or property of either.

- 2925 (72) "Secured party" means: 2926 (A) A person in whose
- 2926 (A) A person in whose favor a security interest is 2927 created or provided for under a security agreement, whether or not
- 2928 any obligation to be secured is outstanding;
- 2929 (B) A person that holds an agricultural lien;
- 2930 (C) A consignor;
- 2931 (D) A person to which accounts, chattel paper,
- 2932 payment intangibles, or promissory notes have been sold;
- 2933 (E) A trustee, indenture trustee, agent,
- 2934 collateral agent, or other representative in whose favor a
- 2935 security interest or agricultural lien is created or provided for;
- 2936 or
- 2937 (F) A person that holds a security interest
- 2938 arising under Section 75-2-401, 75-2-505, 75-2-711(3),
- 2939 75-2A-508(5), 75-4-210, or 75-5-118.
- 2940 (73) "Security agreement" means an agreement that
- 2941 creates or provides for a security interest.
- 2942 (74) "Send," in connection with a record or
- 2943 notification, means:
- 2944 (A) To deposit in the mail, deliver for
- 2945 transmission, or transmit by any other usual means of
- 2946 communication, with postage or cost of transmission provided for,
- 2947 addressed to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or
- 2948 (B) To cause the record or notification to be
- 2949 received within the time that it would have been received if
- 2950 properly sent under subparagraph (A).
- 2951 (75) "Software" means a computer program and any
- 2952 supporting information provided in connection with a transaction
- 2953 relating to the program. The term does not include a computer
- 2954 program that is included in the definition of goods.
- 2955 (76) "State" means a state of the United States, the
- 2956 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin

2957	Islands,	or	any	territory	or	insular	possession	subject	to	the
2958	jurisdict	tior	n of	the United	d St	tates.				

- 2959 "Supporting obligation" means a letter-of-credit
- 2960 right or secondary obligation that supports the payment or
- 2961 performance of an account, chattel paper, a document, a general
- 2962 intangible, an instrument, or investment property.
- 2963 "Tangible chattel paper" means chattel paper
- 2964 evidenced by a record or records consisting of information that is
- 2965 inscribed on a tangible medium.
- 2966 (79) "Termination statement" means an amendment of a
- 2967 financing statement which:
- 2968 (A) Identifies, by its file number, the initial
- 2969 financing statement to which it relates; and
- 2970 (B) Indicates either that it is a termination
- 2971 statement or that the identified financing statement is no longer
- 2972 effective.
- 2973 (80) "Transmitting utility" means a person primarily
- 2974 engaged in the business of:
- 2975 (A) Operating a railroad, subway, street railway,
- 2976 or trolley bus;
- 2977 (B) Transmitting communications electrically,
- 2978 electromagnetically, or by light;
- 2979 (C) Transmitting goods by pipeline or sewer; or
- 2980 (D) Transmitting or producing and transmitting
- 2981 electricity, steam, gas, or water.
- 2982 (b) The following definitions in other articles apply to
- 2983 this article:

2984	"Applicant"	Section	75-5-102

- 2985 "Beneficiary" Section 75-5-102
- 2986 "Broker" Section 75-8-102
- 2987 "Certificated security" Section 75-8-102
- 2988 "Check" Section 75-3-104
- 2989 "Clearing corporation" Section 75-8-102

2990	"Contract for sale"	Section 75-2-106
2991	"Control"	Section 75-7-106
2992	"Customer"	Section 75-4-104
2993	"Entitlement holder"	Section 75-8-102
2994	"Financial asset"	Section 75-8-102
2995	"Holder in due course"	Section 75-3-302
2996	"Issuer" (with respect to	
2997	a letter of credit or	
2998	letter-of-credit right)	Section 75-5-102
2999	"Issuer" (with respect to a	
3000	security)	Section 75-8-201
3001	"Issuer" (with respect to	
3002	documents of title)	Section 75-7-102
3003	"Lease"	Section 75-2A-103
3004	"Lease agreement"	Section 75-2A-103
3005	"Lease contract"	Section 75-2A-103
3006	"Leasehold interest"	Section 75-2A-103
3007	"Lessee"	Section 75-2A-103
3008	"Lessee in ordinary course	
3009	of business"	Section 75-2A-103
3010	"Lessor"	Section 75-2A-103
3011	"Lessor's residual interest"	Section 75-2A-103
3012	"Letter of credit"	Section 75-5-102
3013	"Merchant"	Section 75-2-104
3014	"Negotiable instrument"	Section 75-3-104
3015	"Nominated person"	Section 75-5-102
3016	"Note"	Section 75-3-104
3017	"Proceeds of a letter of	
3018	credit"	Section 75-5-114
3019	"Prove"	Section 75-3-103
3020	"Sale"	Section 75-2-106
3021	"Securities account"	Section 75-8-501
3022	"Securities intermediary"	Section 75-8-102
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3023	"Security" Section 75-8-102
3024	"Security certificate" Section 75-8-102
3025	"Security entitlement" Section 75-8-102
3026	"Uncertificated security" Section 75-8-102
3027	(c) Article 1 contains general definitions and principles of
3028	construction and interpretation applicable throughout this
3029	article.
3030	SECTION 42. The following shall be codified as Section
3031	79-13-505, Mississippi Code of 1972:
3032	$\underline{79-13-505}$ . Enforceability of limitations on assignments of
3033	partnership interests. Sections 75-9-406 and 75-9-408 do not
3034	apply to a partnership interest in a partnership formed under the
3035	laws of Mississippi, including the rights, powers and interests
3036	arising under a certificate of partnership or partnership
3037	agreement or under this chapter. To the extent of any conflict or
3038	inconsistency between this section and Sections 75-9-406 and
3039	75-9-408, this section prevails. It is the express intent of this
3040	section to permit the enforcement, as a contract among the
3041	partners of a partnership, of any provision of a partnership
3042	agreement that would otherwise be ineffective under Sections
3043	75-9-406 and 75-9-408.
3044	SECTION 43. The following shall be codified as Section
3045	79-14-706, Mississippi Code of 1972:
3046	79-14-706. Enforceability of limitations on assignments of
3047	limited partnership interests. Sections 75-9-406 and 75-9-408 do
3048	not apply to a limited partnership interest in a limited
3049	partnership formed under the laws of Mississippi, including the
3050	rights, powers and interests arising under the certificate of
3051	limited partnership or limited partnership agreement or under this
3052	chapter. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between
3053	this section and Sections $75-9-406$ and $75-9-408$ , this section
3054	prevails. It is the express intent of this section to permit the
3055	enforcement, as a contract among the partners of a limited
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- 3056 partnership, of any provision of a limited partnership agreement
- 3057 that would otherwise be ineffective under Sections 75-9-406 and
- 75-9-408. 3058
- **SECTION 44.** Sections 75-1-101, 75-1-102, 75-1-103, 75-1-104, 3059
- 3060 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, 3061
- 3062 75-1-207 and 75-1-208, Mississippi Code of 1972, which comprise
- 3063 the Uniform Commercial Code Article 1 - General Provisions, are
- 3064 repealed.
- SECTION 45. Section 75-2-208, Mississippi Code of 1972, 3065
- 3066 which provides for the practical construction of "course of
- performance" for purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code Article 2 3067
- 3068 - Sales, is repealed, the substance thereof being reenacted in
- 3069 Article 1 - General Provisions.
- SECTION 46. Section 75-2A-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, 3070
- 3071 which provides for the practical construction of "course of
- performance" for purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code Article 3072
- 3073 2A - Leases, is repealed, the substance thereof being reenacted in
- 3074 Article 1 - General Provisions.
- 3075 SECTION 47. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 3076 and after July 1, 2010.