

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

(At the request of the Department of Financial Institutions)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact Sections 13-04.1-13, 13-05-10, 13-08-15, and
2 13-09-21 of the North Dakota Century Code pertaining to enforcement actions for money
3 brokers, collection agencies, deferred presentment service providers, and money transmitters.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 13-04.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **13-04.1-13. Penalty.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any
8 rule or order of the department of financial institutions made pursuant to the provisions of this
9 chapter or who engages in any act, practice, or transaction declared by any provision of this
10 chapter to be unlawful is guilty of a class C felony. The commissioner may impose a civil
11 money penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars per violation upon a person or agency who
12 willfully violates a law, rule, written agreement or order under this chapter. An interested party
13 may appeal the assessment of a civil money penalty under the provisions of chapter 28-32 by
14 filing a written notice of appeal within twenty days after service of the assessment of civil money
15 penalties. A civil money penalty collected under this section must be paid to the state treasurer
16 and deposited in the financial institutions regulatory fund.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 13-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **13-05-10. Penalty.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of
20 a class C felony. The commissioner may impose a civil money penalty not to exceed five
21 thousand dollars per violation upon a person or agency who willfully violates a law, rule, written
22 agreement, or order under this chapter. An interested party may appeal the assessment of a
23 civil money penalty under the provisions of chapter 28-32 by filing a written notice of appeal
24 within twenty days after service of the assessment of civil money penalties. A civil money

penalty collected under this section must be paid to the state treasurer and deposited in the financial institutions regulatory fund.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 13-08-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13-08-15. Violations - Cease and desist orders - Penalties. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person who willfully provides deferred presentment services without a license is guilty of a class C felony and any person who violates any other provisions of this chapter or any rule adopted to implement this chapter is guilty of an infraction. If the commissioner finds, whether without a hearing or after a hearing if a hearing is requested within twenty days of notice of an action by the commissioner under this section, that a person violated this chapter or any rule adopted to implement this chapter, the commissioner may do any one or more of the following:

1. Order the person to cease and desist violating this chapter or the rule.
2. Require the refund of any fees collected by the person in violation of this chapter.
3. Impose a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars per violation upon a person or agency who willfully violates a law, rule, written agreement, or order under this chapter. An interested party may appeal the assessment of a civil money penalty under the provisions of chapter 28-32 by filing a written notice of appeal within twenty days after service of the assessment of civil money penalties. A civil money penalty collected under this section must be paid to the state treasurer and deposited in the financial institutions regulatory fund.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 13-09-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13-09-21. Civil penalties. The commissioner may impose a civil money penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars per violation upon a person or agency who willfully violates a law, rule, written agreement, or order under this chapter. An interested party may appeal the assessment of a civil money penalty by filing a written notice of appeal within twenty days after service of the assessment of civil money penalties. A civil money penalty collected under this section must be paid to the state treasurer and deposited in the financial institutions regulatory fund.