

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0284

ENROLLED ACT NO. 58, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to collection agencies; specifying that debt buyers are collection agencies for purposes of regulation; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-11-101(a)(iii)(E), (F) and by creating a new subparagraph (G), by creating a new paragraph (xv) and by renumbering (xv) as (xvi) is amended to read:

33-11-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(iii) "Collection agency" means any person who:

(E) Uses a fictitious name or any name other than their own name in the collection of their own accounts receivable; ~~or~~

(F) Collects debts incurred in this state from debtors located in this state by means of interstate communications, including telephone, mail or facsimile or any other electronic method, from the debt collector's location in another state; ~~or~~

(G) Operates as a debt buyer.

(xv) "Debt buyer" means any person that is regularly engaged in the business of purchasing charged-off consumer debt for collection purposes, whether the person collects the debt, hires a third party for collection of the debt or hires an attorney for collection litigation;

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~~(xv)~~(xvi) "This act" means W.S. 33-11-101
through 33-11-116.

Section 2. This act shall not affect the validity of
any civil action or arbitration filed or commenced by a
debt buyer, or any judgment entered for a debt buyer,
before July 1, 2023.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2023.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk