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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY'S PLACEMENT OF A  
102 SECURITY FREEZE ON THE CONSUMER REPORT OF A CONSUMER  
103 WHO IS UNDER THE CHARGE OF A REPRESENTATIVE AT THE  
104 REQUEST OF THE CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Section 2** of the bill authorizes a parent or legal guardian (representative) to request that a consumer reporting agency place a security freeze on the consumer report of either a minor less than 16 years

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of age or another individual who is a ward of the representative (protected consumer). If the consumer reporting agency does not yet have a consumer report for the protected consumer at the time that a security freeze is requested, the consumer reporting agency is required to create a consumer record for the protected consumer and place a security freeze on the consumer record.

The protected consumer's representative may request that the consumer reporting agency temporarily lift the security freeze placed on the protected consumer's consumer report or record, lift the security freeze with respect to a specific third party, or permanently remove the security freeze. A protected consumer who demonstrates to the consumer reporting agency that his or her representative's appointment is no longer valid may have the security freeze removed.

A consumer reporting agency is not allowed to charge a fee for the placement, temporary lift, partial lift, or removal of a security freeze on a protected consumer's consumer report or record.

**Section 3** requires consumer reporting agencies to provide a notice informing parents or other individuals serving as representatives that they may request a security freeze on the consumer report or record of their child or ward.

**Section 1** defines the terms "protected consumer", "record", "representative", "sufficient proof of authority", and "sufficient proof of identification", and amends the definition of "security freeze".

**Sections 4 through 7** make conforming amendments.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 5-18-103, **amend**  
3 (15); and **add** (13.5), (13.7), (13.9), (16), and (17) as follows:

4 **5-18-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 18, unless the  
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (13.5) "PROTECTED CONSUMER" MEANS A CONSUMER WHO, AT THE  
7 TIME A SECURITY FREEZE REQUEST IS MADE, IS:

- 8 (a) UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE; OR  
9 (b) REPRESENTED BY A REPRESENTATIVE.

10 (13.7) "RECORD" MEANS A COMPILATION OF INFORMATION THAT:

- 11 (a) IDENTIFIES A PROTECTED CONSUMER;

1 (b) IS CREATED BY A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY SOLELY FOR  
2 THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH SECTION 5-18-112.5; AND

3 (c) IS NOT CREATED OR USED TO CONSIDER THE PROTECTED  
4 CONSUMER'S CREDITWORTHINESS, CREDIT STANDING, CREDIT CAPACITY,  
5 CHARACTER, GENERAL REPUTATION, PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS, OR  
6 ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES.

7 (13.9) "REPRESENTATIVE" MEANS A:

8 (a) PARENT; OR

9 (b) LEGAL GUARDIAN WHO, PURSUANT TO A TESTAMENTARY OR  
10 COURT APPOINTMENT, IS QUALIFIED TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE  
11 SUPPORT, CARE, EDUCATION, HEALTH, OR WELFARE OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

12 (15) (a) "Security freeze" or "freeze" means a notice placed in a  
13 consumer report OR RECORD, at the request of a consumer OR A  
14 PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE and subject to certain  
15 exemptions, that prohibits the consumer reporting agency from releasing  
16 the consumer report OR RECORD or any information from it without the  
17 express authorization of the consumer OR OF THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
18 REPRESENTATIVE.

19 (b) "SECURITY FREEZE" INCLUDES A NOTICE:

20 (I) PLACED ON A RECORD CREATED UNDER SECTION 5-18-112.5  
21 FOR A PROTECTED CONSUMER FOR WHOM THE CONSUMER REPORTING  
22 AGENCY DOES NOT HAVE A CONSUMER REPORT; AND

23 (II) THAT PROHIBITS THE CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY FROM  
24 RELEASING THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S RECORD EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
25 SECTION 5-18-112.5.

26 (16) (a) "SUFFICIENT PROOF OF AUTHORITY" MEANS  
27 DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING THAT A REPRESENTATIVE HAS

1 AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF A PROTECTED CONSUMER.

2 (b) "SUFFICIENT PROOF OF AUTHORITY" INCLUDES A COURT ORDER;  
3 A COPY OF A VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY; A WRITTEN, NOTARIZED  
4 STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE THAT EXPRESSLY DESCRIBES  
5 THE AUTHORITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE  
6 PROTECTED CONSUMER; OR, IN THE CASE OF A REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS A  
7 PARENT OF THE PROTECTED CONSUMER, A CERTIFIED OR OFFICIAL COPY OF  
8 THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

9 (17) (a) "SUFFICIENT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION" MEANS  
10 DOCUMENTATION IDENTIFYING A PROTECTED CONSUMER OR A  
11 REPRESENTATIVE.

12 (b) "SUFFICIENT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION" INCLUDES A COPY OF  
13 A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, A CERTIFIED OR OFFICIAL COPY OF A BIRTH  
14 CERTIFICATE, A COPY OF A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR A COPY OF A  
15 GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 5-18-112.5** as  
17 follows:

18 **5-18-112.5. Security freeze for protected consumers.** (1) A  
19 REPRESENTATIVE MAY PLACE A SECURITY FREEZE ON A PROTECTED  
20 CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD BY:

21 (a) SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST TO A CONSUMER REPORTING  
22 AGENCY IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THAT AGENCY; AND

23 (b) PROVIDING THE CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY WITH  
24 SUFFICIENT PROOF OF AUTHORITY AND SUFFICIENT PROOF OF  
25 IDENTIFICATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE.

26 (2) (a) IF A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY DOES NOT HAVE A  
27 CONSUMER REPORT PERTAINING TO A PROTECTED CONSUMER WHEN THE

1 CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY RECEIVES A REQUEST FOR A SECURITY  
2 FREEZE UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE CONSUMER  
3 REPORTING AGENCY SHALL CREATE A RECORD FOR THE PROTECTED  
4 CONSUMER AND PLACE A SECURITY FREEZE ON THE RECORD.

5 (b) A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S RECORD CREATED PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE USED TO CONSIDER THE  
7 PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CREDITWORTHINESS, CREDIT STANDING, CREDIT  
8 CAPACITY, CHARACTER, GENERAL REPUTATION, PERSONAL  
9 CHARACTERISTICS, OR ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES.

10 (3) A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY SHALL PLACE A SECURITY  
11 FREEZE ON A CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS  
12 AFTER CONFIRMING THE AUTHENTICITY OF A SECURITY FREEZE REQUEST  
13 MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

14 (4) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (7)(c) AND (9) OF  
15 THIS SECTION, IF A SECURITY FREEZE IS IN PLACE ON A PROTECTED  
16 CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD, INFORMATION FROM THE  
17 CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD SHALL NOT BE RELEASED TO A THIRD  
18 PARTY WITHOUT PRIOR, EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PROTECTED  
19 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE OR, IF A PROTECTED CONSUMER HAS  
20 PROVIDED THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (7)(b) OF THIS  
21 SECTION, FROM THE PROTECTED CONSUMER.

22 (b) A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY MAY ADVISE A THIRD PARTY  
23 THAT A SECURITY FREEZE IS IN EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO A PROTECTED  
24 CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD.

25 (5) WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER INSTITUTING A SECURITY  
26 FREEZE ON A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD, THE  
27 CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY SHALL:

1 (a) SEND THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE WRITTEN  
2 CONFIRMATION OF THE SECURITY FREEZE; AND

3 (b) PROVIDE THE REPRESENTATIVE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
4 REMOVING OR TEMPORARILY LIFTING THE SECURITY FREEZE OR ALLOWING  
5 A SPECIFIC PARTY ACCESS TO THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CONSUMER  
6 REPORT OR RECORD.

7 (6) A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY SHALL NOT STATE OR IMPLY  
8 TO ANY PERSON THAT A SECURITY FREEZE REFLECTS A NEGATIVE CREDIT  
9 SCORE, A NEGATIVE CREDIT HISTORY, OR A NEGATIVE CREDIT RATING.

10 (7) (a) A SECURITY FREEZE ON A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
11 CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL THE PROTECTED  
12 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE OR, IF AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS  
13 SUBSECTION (7), THE PROTECTED CONSUMER REQUESTS REMOVAL OF THE  
14 SECURITY FREEZE.

15 (b) WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER A REQUEST, A CONSUMER  
16 REPORTING AGENCY SHALL REMOVE, TEMPORARILY LIFT, OR PARTIALLY  
17 LIFT A SECURITY FREEZE FROM A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CONSUMER  
18 REPORT OR RECORD IF A PROTECTED CONSUMER OR THE PROTECTED  
19 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTS THAT THE SECURITY FREEZE BE  
20 REMOVED OR TEMPORARILY LIFTED AND PROVIDES TO THE CONSUMER  
21 REPORTING AGENCY SUFFICIENT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION, AND:

22 (I) IF THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE MAKES THE  
23 REQUEST, SUFFICIENT PROOF OF AUTHORITY; OR

24 (II) IF THE PROTECTED CONSUMER MAKES THE REQUEST,  
25 DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE'S PROOF  
26 OF AUTHORITY USED TO REQUEST THE SECURITY FREEZE IS NO LONGER  
27 VALID. SUCH DOCUMENTATION MAY INCLUDE PROOF THAT THE PROTECTED

1 CONSUMER IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR THAT THE  
2 REPRESENTATIVE'S APPOINTMENT IS NO LONGER VALID.

3 (c) IF THE CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD WAS FROZEN DUE TO A  
4 MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT BY THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
5 REPRESENTATIVE OR SOMEONE PURPORTING TO BE THE PROTECTED  
6 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE, THE CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY SHALL  
7 REMOVE THE SECURITY FREEZE FROM THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
8 CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD AFTER NOTIFYING THE PROTECTED  
9 CONSUMER IN WRITING.

10 (8) PURSUANT TO ANY PROCEDURES DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE  
11 WITH SECTION 5-18-112 (5), A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY MAY USE  
12 E-MAIL OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEDIA TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS A  
13 SECURITY FREEZE REQUEST OR A REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY OR PARTIALLY  
14 LIFT A SECURITY FREEZE.

15 (9) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

16 (a) THE USE OF A CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD BY OR FOR ANY  
17 OF THE USERS OR USES LISTED IN SECTION 5-18-112 (11);

18 (b) A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY PROVIDING A COPY OF THE  
19 PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD TO THE  
20 PROTECTED CONSUMER OR THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE  
21 IF REQUESTED BY THE PROTECTED CONSUMER OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
22 REPRESENTATIVE; OR

23 (c) AN ENTITY LISTED IN SECTION 5-18-115 (2).

24 (10) A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE  
25 FOR A REQUEST TO PLACE, TEMPORARILY OR PARTIALLY LIFT, OR  
26 PERMANENTLY REMOVE A SECURITY FREEZE ON A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
27 CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD.

1 (11) A THIRD PARTY MAY TREAT A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
2 APPLICATION FOR CREDIT AS INCOMPLETE IF:

3 (a) THE THIRD PARTY REQUESTED ACCESS TO THE PROTECTED  
4 CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD IN CONNECTION WITH AN  
5 APPLICATION FOR CREDIT; AND

6 (b) THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD  
7 IS FROZEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

8 (12) IF A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY VIOLATES A SECURITY  
9 FREEZE PLACED ON A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CONSUMER REPORT OR  
10 RECORD BY RELEASING INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THE SECURITY FREEZE  
11 WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE THE INFORMATION, THE  
12 CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY SHALL NOTIFY THE PROTECTED  
13 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE OR PROTECTED CONSUMER IN WRITING OF  
14 THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER  
15 DISCOVERING THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION. THE NOTICE MUST INCLUDE  
16 THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELEASED AND THE NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE  
17 NUMBER, AND, IF AVAILABLE, E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE RECIPIENT OF THE  
18 INFORMATION.

19 (13) A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE OR, IF A  
20 PROTECTED CONSUMER HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HIS OR HER  
21 REPRESENTATIVE'S PROOF OF AUTHORITY IS NO LONGER VALID PURSUANT  
22 TO SUBSECTION (7)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, A PROTECTED CONSUMER MAY  
23 DISPUTE INFORMATION IN THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CONSUMER  
24 REPORT OR RECORD PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION  
25 5-18-110 AND MAY REQUEST THAT A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY  
26 BLOCK THE REPORTING OF INFORMATION IN THE PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
27 CONSUMER REPORT OR RECORD PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-18-111.



1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 5-18-113.5 as  
2 follows:

3           **5-18-113.5. Notice of rights regarding protected consumers.**

4           WHENEVER A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A  
5 SUMMARY OF RIGHTS TO A CONSUMER UNDER SECTION 609 OF THE  
6 FEDERAL "FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT", 15 U.S.C. SEC. 1681g, AS  
7 AMENDED, OR UNDER STATE LAW, THE FOLLOWING NOTICE MUST BE  
8 INCLUDED:

9                           **STATE CONSUMERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A**  
10                          **SECURITY FREEZE FOR THEIR CHILDREN OR LEGAL WARDS**

11                         YOU MAY OBTAIN FROM A CONSUMER REPORTING  
12                         AGENCY A CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZE FOR YOUR  
13                         CHILD WHO IS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR FOR YOUR  
14                         LEGAL WARD. IF A CONSUMER REPORT HAS NOT YET BEEN  
15                         CREATED FOR YOUR CHILD OR LEGAL WARD, YOU MAY  
16                         REQUEST THAT A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY CREATE A  
17                         CONSUMER RECORD FOR HIM OR HER AND PLACE A SECURITY  
18                         FREEZE ON HIS OR HER CONSUMER RECORD. YOU WILL NOT  
19                         BE CHARGED TO HAVE A SECURITY FREEZE PLACED ON YOUR  
20                         CHILD'S OR LEGAL WARD'S CONSUMER REPORT OR TO HAVE  
21                         A CONSUMER RECORD CREATED FOR YOUR CHILD OR LEGAL  
22                         WARD AND TO HAVE A SECURITY FREEZE PLACED ON THE  
23                         CONSUMER RECORD. YOU WILL NOT BE CHARGED TO HAVE  
24                         A SECURITY FREEZE PLACED ON YOUR CHILD'S OR LEGAL  
25                         WARD'S CREDIT REPORT OR RECORD TEMPORARILY LIFTED  
26                         OR PERMANENTLY REMOVED.

27                         IF YOU REQUEST THAT A CONSUMER REPORTING

1 AGENCY TEMPORARILY LIFT THE SECURITY FREEZE IN PLACE  
2 ON YOUR CHILD'S OR LEGAL WARD'S CONSUMER REPORT OR  
3 RECORD, THE CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY MUST COMPLY  
4 WITH THE REQUEST NO LATER THAN TEN BUSINESS DAYS  
5 AFTER RECEIVING THE REQUEST.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 5-18-114 as  
7 follows:

8 **5-18-114. Security freeze - prohibition of changing official**  
9 **information in credit report or record.** If a security freeze is in place,  
10 a consumer reporting agency shall not change any of the following  
11 official information in a consumer report OR RECORD without sending a  
12 written notice of the change to the consumer OR TO A PROTECTED  
13 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE within thirty days ~~of~~ AFTER the change  
14 ~~being~~ IS posted to the consumer's OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S file: Name,  
15 date of birth, social security number, and address. Written notice is not  
16 required for technical modifications of a consumer's OR PROTECTED  
17 CONSUMER'S official information, including name and street  
18 abbreviations, complete spellings, or transposition of numbers or letters.  
19 In the case of an address change, THE CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY  
20 SHALL SEND the written notice ~~shall be sent~~ to both the new address and  
21 the former address.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 5-18-115, **amend** (1),  
23 (2) introductory portion, and (2)(b) as follows:

24 **5-18-115. Security freeze - exemptions.** (1) (a) EXCEPT AS  
25 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, sections 5-18-112 to  
26 5-18-114 ~~shall~~ DO not apply to a consumer reporting agency that:

27 (I) Acts only as a reseller of credit information by assembling and

1 merging information contained in the database of another consumer  
2 reporting agency or multiple consumer reporting agencies; and ~~that~~

3 (II) Does not maintain a permanent database of credit information  
4 from which new consumer reports OR RECORDS are produced. ~~However,~~

5 (b) A consumer reporting agency shall honor any security freeze  
6 placed on a consumer report OR RECORD by another consumer reporting  
7 agency.

8 (2) The following entities are not required to place A SECURITY  
9 FREEZE in a consumer report ~~a security freeze~~ OR RECORD:

10 (b) A deposit account information service or company that issues  
11 reports regarding account closures due to fraud, substantial overdrafts, or  
12 automatic teller machine abuse or similar negative information regarding  
13 a consumer OR PROTECTED CONSUMER to inquiring banks or other  
14 financial institutions for use only in reviewing a consumer request for a  
15 deposit account at the inquiring bank or financial institution;

16 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 5-18-116 as  
17 follows:

18 **5-18-116. Consumer's right to file action in court or arbitrate**  
19 **disputes.** (1) A CONSUMER, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED  
20 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE MAY BRING an action to enforce any  
21 obligation ~~of~~ a consumer reporting agency HAS to a consumer,  
22 PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE  
23 under this article 18 ~~may be brought~~ in any court of competent  
24 jurisdiction as provided by the federal "Fair Credit Reporting Act", 15  
25 U.S.C. SEC. 1681 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, or ~~submitted~~ SUBMIT AN  
26 ENFORCEMENT ACTION to binding arbitration, IN THE MANNER SET FORTH  
27 IN THE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION, TO

1 DETERMINE WHETHER THE CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY MET ITS  
2 OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS ARTICLE 18 after the consumer, PROTECTED  
3 CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE has followed,  
4 AS APPLICABLE:

5 (a) All dispute procedures in section 5-18-110 and has received  
6 the notice specified in section 5-18-110 (6); ~~or has followed~~

7 (b) All of the block procedures in section 5-18-111; ~~or has~~  
8 ~~followed~~

9 (c) All of the freeze procedures in section 5-18-112 ~~in the manner~~  
10 ~~set forth in the rules of the American arbitration association to determine~~  
11 ~~whether the consumer reporting agency met its obligations under this~~  
12 ~~article 18. No~~ OR 5-18-112.5.

13 (2) AN ARBITRATOR'S decision ~~by an arbitrator~~ pursuant to this  
14 section ~~shall~~ DOES NOT affect the validity of any obligations or debts  
15 owed to any party. A successful party to any arbitration proceeding shall  
16 be compensated for the costs and attorney fees of the proceeding as  
17 determined by the court or arbitration. ~~No~~ A consumer, ~~may~~ PROTECTED  
18 CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE SHALL NOT  
19 submit more than one action to arbitration against any consumer reporting  
20 agency during any one-hundred-twenty-day period.

21 (3) The results of an arbitration action brought against a consumer  
22 reporting agency doing business in this state shall be communicated in a  
23 timely manner with all other consumer reporting agencies doing business  
24 in this state. If, as a result of an arbitration, a determination is made in  
25 favor of the consumer, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED  
26 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE, any adverse information in the consumer's  
27 OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S file, REPORT, or record shall be blocked,

1 removed, or stricken in a timely manner, or the consumer report OR  
2 RECORD shall be frozen within five days ~~of~~ AFTER receipt of the  
3 determination by the consumer reporting agency. If the adverse  
4 information is not blocked, removed, or stricken, or the file is not frozen,  
5 the consumer, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
6 REPRESENTATIVE may bring an action against the noncomplying agency  
7 pursuant to this section notwithstanding the one-hundred-twenty-day  
8 waiting period.

9 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 5-18-117 as  
10 follows:

11 **5-18-117. Violations.** (1) ~~Any~~ A consumer reporting agency that  
12 willfully violates ~~any provision of~~ this article 18 or the federal "Fair  
13 Credit Reporting Act", 15 U.S.C. sec. 1681c, as amended, ~~shall be~~ IS  
14 liable for three times the amount of actual damages or one thousand  
15 dollars, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, for a violation of section 5-18-112 OR  
16 5-18-112.5, or for each inaccurate or unblocked entry in the consumer's  
17 OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S file that was disputed or alleged to be  
18 unauthorized in accordance with section 5-18-111 by the consumer,  
19 ~~whichever is greater~~ PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
20 REPRESENTATIVE, PLUS reasonable attorney fees and costs.

21 (2) (a) ~~Any~~ A consumer reporting agency that negligently violates  
22 this article 18 or the federal "Fair Credit Reporting Act", 15 U.S.C. sec.  
23 1681c, as amended, ~~shall be~~ IS liable for the greater of actual damages or  
24 one thousand dollars for each violation of section 5-18-112 OR  
25 5-18-112.5, or for each inaccurate or unblocked entry in the consumer's  
26 OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S file that was disputed or alleged BY THE  
27 CONSUMER, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S

1 REPRESENTATIVE to be unauthorized in accordance with section 5-18-111,  
2 ~~by the consumer~~ that affects the consumer's OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
3 creditworthiness, as defined in section 5-18-103 (6), plus reasonable  
4 attorney fees and costs if:

5 (I) Within thirty days after receiving notice of dispute from a  
6 consumer, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
7 REPRESENTATIVE in accordance with section 5-18-110, the consumer  
8 reporting agency does not:

9 (A) Correct the complained of items or activities; and ~~does not~~

10 (B) Send the consumer, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED  
11 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE and, upon request of the consumer,  
12 PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE,  
13 any person who has requested the consumer information, written  
14 notification of the corrective action, in accordance with section 5-18-110  
15 (6), ~~or section 5-18-112, OR 5-18-112.5; or if;~~

16 (II) Within thirty days after receiving a copy of a police report  
17 alleging, or a certified court order finding, unauthorized activity, the  
18 consumer reporting agency does not block the information in accordance  
19 with section 5-18-111.

20 (b) ~~Any~~ A consumer reporting agency that negligently violates  
21 this article 18 or the federal "Fair Credit Reporting Act", 15 U.S.C. sec.  
22 1681c, as amended, ~~shall be~~ IS liable for the greater of actual damages or  
23 one thousand dollars for all violations of section 5-18-112 OR 5-18-112.5  
24 or all inaccurate or unblocked entries in the consumer's OR PROTECTED  
25 CONSUMER'S file that were disputed or alleged BY THE CONSUMER,  
26 PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE to  
27 be unauthorized in accordance with section 5-18-111, ~~or section~~

1 5-18-112, ~~by the consumer~~ OR 5-18-112.5 AND that did not affect the  
2 consumer's OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S creditworthiness, plus reasonable  
3 attorney fees and costs if:

4 (I) Within thirty days after receiving notice of dispute from a  
5 consumer, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S  
6 REPRESENTATIVE in accordance with section 5-18-110, the consumer  
7 reporting agency does not:

8 (A) Correct the complained of items or activities; and ~~does not~~

9 (B) Send TO the consumer, PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED  
10 CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE and, if requested by the consumer,  
11 PROTECTED CONSUMER, OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S REPRESENTATIVE, TO  
12 any person who has requested the consumer information, written  
13 notification of the corrective action, in accordance with section 5-18-110  
14 (6), ~~or section 5-18-112, OR 5-18-112.5; or if;~~

15 (II) Within thirty days after receiving a copy of a police report  
16 alleging, or a certified court order finding, unauthorized activity, the  
17 consumer reporting agency does not block the information in accordance  
18 with section 5-18-111.

19 (3) In addition to the damages assessed under subsections (1) and  
20 (2) of this section, if, ten days after the entry of any judgment for  
21 damages, the consumer's OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S file is still not  
22 corrected, blocked, or frozen by the consumer reporting agency, the  
23 assessed damages shall be increased to one thousand dollars per day per  
24 unfrozen consumer report OR RECORD or inaccurate or unblocked entry  
25 that remains in the consumer's OR PROTECTED CONSUMER'S file until the  
26 inaccurate entry is corrected or blocked, or the consumer report OR  
27 RECORD is frozen.

1           **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date.** (1) This  
2 act takes effect January 1, 2019; except that, if a referendum petition is  
3 filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against  
4 this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period  
5 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,  
6 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
7 general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take  
8 effect on January 1, 2019, or on the date of the official declaration of the  
9 vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.

10           (2) This act applies to actions brought and violations committed  
11 on or after the applicable effective date of this act.