

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0284

Collection agency regulation-debt buyers.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walters and Olsen and  
Senator(s) Case and Furphy

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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13       **33-11-101. Definitions.**

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15       (a) As used in this act:

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

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

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

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14 (G) Operates as a debt buyer.

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

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

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

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

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