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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 131

March 9, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Hebl, Roys, Colon, A. Ott, Pope-Roberts, Black, Gunderson, Berceau, Townsend, Molepske Jr., Spanbauer, Fields, Hintz and Seidel, cosponsored by Senators Taylor, Lehman, Lassa and Miller. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

1 AN ACT to amend 425.109 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: pleading

requirements for assignees of creditors under the Wisconsin Consumer Act.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a consumer credit transaction in which the amount financed is \$25,000 or less, and which is entered into for personal, family, or household purposes, is generally subject to the Wisconsin Consumer Act (WCA). The WCA includes requirements for a creditor to satisfy to enforce rights arising from a consumer credit transaction that is subject to the WCA, including pleading requirements for a complaint filed by a creditor to enforce such rights. In *Rsidue, L.L.C. v. Michaud,* 2006 WI App 164, 295 Wis. 2d 585, 721 N.W. 2d 718, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals held that because the WCA does not refer to an assignee of a creditor, the pleading requirements do not apply to an assignee of a creditor.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 425.109 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

425.109 (1) (intro.) A complaint by a creditor <u>or its assignee</u> to enforce any
cause of action arising from a consumer credit transaction shall include all of the
following:

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(END)