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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. GIANARIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection -- recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Protection in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. JEFFRIES, JAFFEE, GABRYSZAK, M. MILLER, CLARK, ROSENTHAL, N. RIVERA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, HOOPER, WEINSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection -- reported from committee, advanced to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to allowing a private right of action for improper debt collection

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 602 of the general business law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:  
3     4. A DEBTOR SHALL HAVE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST ANY PERSON OR  
4     PERSONS IN VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS SHALL BE  
5     LIABLE TO THE DEBTOR FOR ANY ACTUAL DAMAGES THE DEBTOR SUSTAINED AS A  
6     RESULT OF THE VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY PUNITIVE DAMAGES AWARDED BY  
7     THE COURT, AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.  
8     S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
9     have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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