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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring cred-
it reporting agencies to furnish proof of identity theft to creditors
upon debtor's request

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 380-u of the general business law, as relettered by
2 chapter 63 of the laws of 2006, is relettered 380-v and a new section
3 380-u is added to read as follows:
4 S 380-U. IDENTITY THEFT CREDIT REPORT. 1. IF A PERSON SUBMITS DOCUMEN-
5 TATION INDICATING THEY HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT, THE CREDIT
6 REPORTING AGENCY SHALL FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION TO ALL CREDITORS UPON
7 THE REQUEST OF SUCH DEBTOR. SUCH AGENCY SHALL ALSO KEEP SUCH INFORMATION
8 ON FILE FOR SEVEN YEARS.
9 2. THE FOLLOWING SHALL SUFFICE AS PROOF OF IDENTITY THEFT:
10 (A) A COPY OF A VALID POLICE REPORT FILED BY THE DEBTOR ALLEGING THAT
11 THE DEBTOR IS THE VICTIM OF AN IDENTITY THEFT CRIME, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
12 LIMITED TO, A VIOLATION OF SECTION 190.78, 190.79, 190.80, 190.81,
13 190.82 OR 190.83 OF THE PENAL LAW, FOR THE SPECIFIC DEBT BEING COLLECTED
14 BY THE CREDITOR; AND
15 (B) THE DEBTOR'S WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT THE DEBTOR CLAIMS TO BE THE
16 VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC DEBT BEING
17 COLLECTED BY THE CREDITOR.
18 3. THE WRITTEN STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION TWO
19 OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSIST OF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
20 (A) A SIGNED FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ID THEFT VICTIM'S AFFIDAVIT; OR
21 (B) A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT CERTIFIES THAT THE REPRESENTATIONS ARE
22 TRUE, CORRECT, AND CONTAIN NO MATERIAL OMISSIONS OF FACT TO THE BEST
23 KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE PERSON SUBMITTING THE CERTIFICATION. A

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

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1 PERSON SUBMITTING SUCH CERTIFICATION WHO DECLARES AS TRUE ANY MATERIAL
2 MATTER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION THAT HE OR SHE KNOWS TO BE FALSE IS
3 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR. SUCH STATEMENT SHALL CONTAIN OR BE ACCOMPANIED
4 BY, THE FOLLOWING, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH ITEMS ARE RELEVANT TO THE
5 DEBTOR'S ALLEGATION OF IDENTITY THEFT WITH RESPECT TO THE DEBT IN QUES-
6 TION:

- 7 (I) A STATEMENT THAT THE DEBTOR IS A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT;
- 8 (II) A COPY OF THE DEBTOR'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD,
9 AS ISSUED BY THE STATE;
- 10 (III) ANY OTHER IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT THAT SUPPORTS THE STATEMENT OF
11 IDENTITY THEFT;
- 12 (IV) SPECIFIC FACTS SUPPORTING THE CLAIM OF IDENTITY THEFT, IF AVAIL-
13 ABLE;
- 14 (V) ANY EXPLANATION SHOWING THAT THE DEBTOR DID NOT INCUR THE DEBT;
- 15 (VI) ANY AVAILABLE CORRESPONDENCE DISPUTING THE DEBT AFTER TRANSACTION
16 INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE DEBTOR;
- 17 (VII) DOCUMENTATION OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE DEBTOR AT THE TIME OF THE
18 ALLEGED DEBT. THIS MAY INCLUDE COPIES OF BILLS AND STATEMENTS, SUCH AS
19 UTILITY BILLS, TAX STATEMENTS, OR OTHER STATEMENTS FROM BUSINESSES SENT
20 TO THE DEBTOR, SHOWING THAT THE DEBTOR LIVED AT ANOTHER RESIDENCE AT
21 THE TIME THE DEBT WAS INCURRED;
- 22 (VIII) A TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR CONTACTING THE DEBTOR CONCERNING ANY
23 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, OR DIRECTION THAT FURTHER COMMUNI-
24 CATIONS TO THE DEBTOR BE IN WRITING ONLY, WITH THE MAILING ADDRESS SPEC-
25 IFIED IN THE STATEMENT;
- 26 (IX) TO THE EXTENT THE DEBTOR HAS INFORMATION CONCERNING WHO MAY HAVE
27 INCURRED THE DEBT, THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO THE DEBTOR
28 BELIEVES IS RESPONSIBLE; OR
- 29 (X) AN EXPRESS STATEMENT THAT THE DEBTOR DID NOT AUTHORIZE THE USE OF
30 THE DEBTOR'S NAME OR PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR INCURRING THE DEBT.

31 4. THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS
32 SECTION SHALL BE SUFFICIENT IF IT IS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING
33 FORM:

34 "I CERTIFY THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE ARE TRUE, CORRECT, AND CONTAIN NO
35 MATERIAL OMISSIONS OF FACT " DATE AND PLACE
36 (SIGNATURE)

37 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
38 have become a law.