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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, as added by chap-  
2 ter 753 of the laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows:  
3 S 602. Violations and penalties. 1. Except as otherwise provided by  
4 law, any person who shall violate the terms of this article shall be  
5 guilty of a misdemeanor, and each such violation shall be deemed a sepa-  
6 rate offense.  
7 2. The attorney general or the district attorney of any county may  
8 bring an action in the name of the people of the state to restrain or  
9 prevent any violation of this article or any continuance of any such  
10 violation.  
11 3. A DEBTOR SHALL HAVE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST ANY PERSON OR  
12 PERSONS IN VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS SHALL BE  
13 LIABLE TO THE DEBTOR FOR ANY ACTUAL DAMAGES THE DEBTOR SUSTAINED AS A  
14 RESULT OF THE VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY PUNITIVE DAMAGES AWARDED BY  
15 THE COURT, AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.  
16 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
17 have become a law.

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

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