**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 37‑3‑511, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERIODIC PAYMENT OF SUPERVISED LOANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIRST PERIODIC INTERVAL MAY BE SHORTER OR LONGER THAN THE REMAINING REGULARLY SCHEDULED PAYMENTS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE LENDER, AND THAT THE REMAINING PERIODIC INTERVALS MUST BE OF SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LENGTH.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 37‑3‑511 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 37‑3‑511. (A) Supervised loans, in which the rate of loan finance charge exceeds twelve percent per annum, not made pursuant to a revolving loan account, in which the principal is one thousand dollars or less, ~~shall~~ must be scheduled to be payable in substantially equal installments at equal periodic intervals except to the extent that the schedule of payments is adjusted to the seasonal or irregular income of the debtor~~,~~; and

(~~a~~1) over a period of not more than thirty‑seven months if the principal is more than three hundred dollars~~,~~; or

(~~b~~2) over a period of not more than twenty‑five months if the principal is three hundred dollars or less.

(B) The first periodic interval may be shorter or longer than the remaining scheduled payments, within the discretion of the lender. The remaining periodic intervals must be of substantially similar length.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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