SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 354
H.B. No. 2459
AN ACT
relating to the limitation on the amount that may be charged for certain debt cancellation agreements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 348.601(b), Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The amount charged for a debt cancellation agreement made in connection with a retail installment contract may not exceed five percent of the amount financed pursuant to the retail installment contract [must be created in good faith and be commercially reasonable]. Section 348.124(c) does not apply to a debt cancellation agreement regulated under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 132, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 355
H.B. No. 2462
AN ACT
relating to automobile club memberships offered in connection with certain motor vehicle retail installment contracts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 348.005, Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 348.005. ITEMIZED CHARGE. An amount in a retail installment contract is an itemized charge if the amount is not included in the cash price and is the amount of:

(1) fees for registration, certificate of title, and license and any additional registration fees charged by a full service deputy under Section 520.008 [502.114], Transportation Code;
(2) any taxes;
(3) fees or charges prescribed by law and connected with the sale or inspection of the motor vehicle; and
(4) charges authorized for insurance, service contracts, warranties, automobile club memberships, or a debt cancellation agreement by Subchapter C.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 348, Finance Code, is amended by adding Section 348.414 to read as follows:

Sec. 348.414. AUTOMOBILE CLUB MEMBERSHIP OFFERED IN CONNECTION WITH RETAIL INSTALLMENT CONTRACT. (a) A retail seller may, at the time a retail
installment contract is executed, offer to sell to the retail buyer an automobile club membership.

(b) The retail seller shall give the retail buyer written notice at the time the retail installment contract is executed that the retail buyer:

(1) is not required to purchase the membership as a condition for approval of the contract; and

(2) is entitled to cancel the membership and receive a full refund of the purchase price of the membership before the 31st day after the date the contract is executed.

(c) The retail seller shall notify the retail buyer if the membership includes services that are provided by the manufacturer as part of the motor vehicle purchase.

(d) The amount charged for a membership as authorized by Subsection (a) must be reasonable.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a retail installment contract executed on or after the effective date of this Act. A retail installment contract executed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the retail installment contract was executed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2462 on May 16, 2013: Yeas 139, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 356

H.B. No. 2465

AN ACT
relating to the secretary of state providing information to voters regarding their voting status through an Internet website.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 15, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 15.086 to read as follows:

Sec. 15.086. INTERNET ACCESS TO SUSPENSE INFORMATION. Any Internet website maintained by the secretary of state that permits a person to determine the person’s voter registration status shall, to the extent practicable, indicate if the person is or may be on the suspense list.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 357

H.B. No. 2474

AN ACT
relating to taxes and bonds for a junior college district branch campus.

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