CHAPTER 2023-206

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 599

An act relating to debt management services; amending s. 817.802, F.S.; increasing the maximum fee that may be charged for debt management services; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 817.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

817.802 Unlawful fees and costs.—

(1) It is unlawful for any person, while engaging in debt management services or credit counseling services, to charge or accept from a debtor residing in this state, directly or indirectly, a fee or contribution greater than $50 for the initial setup or initial consultation. Subsequently, the person may not charge or accept a fee or contribution from a debtor residing in this state greater than $120 per year for additional consultations or, alternatively, if debt management services as defined in s. 817.801(4)(b) are provided, the person may charge up to the lesser greater of 15 7.5 percent of the amount paid monthly by the debtor to the person or $75 $35 per month.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2023.

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