

## 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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