## LEGISLATIVE BILL 929

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Introduced by Landis, 46; Quandahl, 31

AN ACT relating to commercial transactions; to amend section 33-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 1-105, 9-102, 9-104, 9-210, 9-311, 9-317, 9-323, 9-331, 9-334, 9-336, 9-406, 9-407, 9-408, 9-409, 9-504, 9-509, 9-513, 9-608, 9-613, 9-615, 9-625, 9-702, 9-705, 9-707, 9-708, and 9-709, Uniform Commercial Code; to adopt the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act; to provide fees for searching records as prescribed; to change provisions relating to secured transactions; to provide safe harbor provisions for certain continuation statements as prescribed; to change provisions relating to financing statements; to provide operative dates; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. <u>Sections 1 to 16 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.</u>

- Sec. 2. For purposes of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act:
- (1) Agreement means the bargain of the parties in fact, as found in their language or inferred from other circumstances and from rules, regulations, and procedures given the effect of agreements under laws otherwise applicable to a particular transaction.
- (2) Automated transaction means a transaction conducted or performed, in whole or in part, by electronic means or electronic records, in which the acts or records of one or both parties are not reviewed by an individual in the ordinary course in forming a contract, performing under an existing contract, or fulfilling an obligation required by the transaction.
- (3) Computer program means a set of statements or instructions to be used directly or indirectly in an information processing system in order to bring about a certain result.
- (4) Contract means the total legal obligation resulting from the parties' agreement as affected by the act and other applicable law.
- (5) Electronic means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.
- (6) Electronic agent means a computer program or an electronic or other automated means used independently to initiate an action or respond to electronic records or performances in whole or in part, without review or action by an individual.
- (7) Electronic record means a record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.
- (8) Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.
- (9) Governmental agency means an executive, legislative, or judicial agency, department, board, commission, authority, institution, or instrumentality of the federal government or of a state or of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state.
- (10) Information means data, text, images, sounds, codes, computer programs, software, data bases, or the like.
- (11) Information processing system means an electronic system for creating, generating, sending, receiving, storing, displaying, or processing information.
- (12) Person means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, governmental agency, public corporation, or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (13) Record means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- (14) Security procedure means a procedure employed for the purpose of verifying that an electronic signature, record, or performance is that of a specific person or for detecting changes or errors in the information in an electronic record. The term includes a procedure that requires the use of algorithms or other codes, identifying words or numbers, encryption, or callback or other acknowledgment procedures.

(15) State means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. The term includes an Indian tribe or band, or Alaskan native village, which is recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by a state.

- (16) Transaction means an action or set of actions occurring between two or more persons relating to the conduct of business, commercial, or governmental affairs.
- Sec. 3. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act applies to electronic records and electronic signatures relating to a transaction.
- (b) The act does not apply to a transaction to the extent it is governed by:
- (1) a law governing the creation and execution of wills, codicils, or testamentary trusts; or
- (2) the Uniform Commercial Code other than sections 1-107 and 1-206, article 2, and article 2A.
- (c) The act applies to an electronic record or electronic signature otherwise excluded from the application of the act under subsection (b) of this section to the extent it is governed by a law other than those specified in subsection (b) of this section.
- (d) A transaction subject to the act is also subject to other applicable substantive law.
- Sec. 4. The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act applies to any electronic record or electronic signature created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored on or after the operative date of this section.
- Sec. 5. (a) The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act does not require a record or signature to be created, generated, sent, communicated, received, stored, or otherwise processed or used by electronic means or in electronic form.
- (b) The act applies only to transactions between parties each of which has agreed to conduct transactions by electronic means. Whether the parties agree to conduct a transaction by electronic means is determined from the context and surrounding circumstances, including the parties' conduct.
- (c) A party that agrees to conduct a transaction by electronic means may refuse to conduct other transactions by electronic means. The right granted by this subsection may not be waived by agreement.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in the act, the effect of any of its provisions may be varied by agreement. The presence in certain provisions of the act of the words "unless otherwise agreed", or words of similar import, does not imply that the effect of other provisions may not be varied by agreement.
- (e) Whether an electronic record or electronic signature has legal consequences is determined by the act and other applicable law.
- Sec. 6. <u>The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act must be construed</u> and applied:
- (1) to facilitate electronic transactions consistent with other applicable law;
- (2) to be consistent with reasonable practices concerning electronic transactions and with the continued expansion of those practices; and
- (3) to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of the act among states enacting it.
- Sec. 7. (a) A record or signature may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form.
- (b) A contract may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because an electronic record was used in its formation.
- (c) If a law requires a record to be in writing, an electronic record satisfies the law.
- (d) If a law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies the law.
- Sec. 8. (a) If parties have agreed to conduct a transaction by electronic means and a law requires a person to provide, send, or deliver information in writing to another person, the requirement is satisfied if the information is provided, sent, or delivered, as the case may be, in an electronic record capable of retention by the recipient at the time of receipt. An electronic record is not capable of retention by the recipient if the sender or its information processing system inhibits the ability of the recipient to print or store the electronic record.
- (b) If a law other than the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act requires a record (i) to be posted or displayed in a certain manner, (ii) to be sent, communicated, or transmitted by a specified method, or (iii) to

contain information that is formatted in a certain manner, the following rules apply:

- (1) The record must be posted or displayed in the manner specified in the other law.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, the record must be sent, communicated, or transmitted by the method specified in the other law.
- (3) The record must contain the information formatted in the manner specified in the other law.
- (c) If a sender inhibits the ability of a recipient to store or print an electronic record, the electronic record is not enforceable against the recipient.
- (d) The requirements of this section may not be varied by agreement, but:
- (1) to the extent a law other than the act requires information to be provided, sent, or delivered in writing but permits that requirement to be varied by agreement, the requirement under subsection (a) of this section that the information be in the form of an electronic record capable of retention may also be varied by agreement; and
- (2) a requirement under a law other than the act to send, communicate, or transmit a record by first-class mail, postage prepaid or regular United States mail, may be varied by agreement to the extent permitted by the other law.
- Sec. 9. (a) An electronic record or electronic signature is attributable to a person if it was the act of the person. The act of the person may be shown in any manner, including a showing of the efficacy of any security procedure applied to determine the person to which the electronic record or electronic signature was attributable.
- (b) The effect of an electronic record or electronic signature attributed to a person under subsection (a) of this section is determined from the context and surrounding circumstances at the time of its creation, execution, or adoption, including the parties' agreement, if any, and otherwise as provided by law.
- Sec. 10. <u>If a change or error in an electronic record occurs in a transmission between parties to a transaction, the following rules apply:</u>
- (1) If the parties have agreed to use a security procedure to detect changes or errors and one party has conformed to the procedure, but the other party has not, and the nonconforming party would have detected the change or error had that party also conformed, the conforming party may avoid the effect of the changed or erroneous electronic record.
- (2) In an automated transaction involving an individual, the individual may avoid the effect of an electronic record that resulted from an error made by the individual in dealing with the electronic agent of another person if the electronic agent did not provide an opportunity for the prevention or correction of the error and, at the time the individual learns of the error, the individual:
- (A) promptly notifies the other person of the error and that the individual did not intend to be bound by the electronic record received by the other person;
- (B) takes reasonable steps, including steps that conform to the other person's reasonable instructions, to return to the other person or, if instructed by the other person, to destroy the consideration received, if any, as a result of the erroneous electronic record; and
- (C) has not used or received any benefit or value from the consideration, if any, received from the other person.
- (3) If neither subdivision (1) or subdivision (2) of this section applies, the change or error has the effect provided by other law, including the law of mistake, and the parties' contract, if any.
- (4) Subdivisions (2) and (3) of this section may not be varied by agreement.
- Sec. 11. If a law requires a signature or record to be notarized, acknowledged, verified, or made under oath, the requirement is satisfied if the electronic signature of the person authorized to perform those acts, together with all other information required to be included by other applicable law, is attached to or logically associated with the signature or record.
- Sec. 12. (a) If a law requires that a record be retained, the requirement is satisfied by retaining an electronic record of the information in the record which:
- (1) accurately reflects the information set forth in the record after it was first generated in its final form as an electronic record or otherwise; and

- (2) remains accessible for later reference.
- (b) A requirement to retain a record in accordance with subsection (a) of this section does not apply to any information the sole purpose of which is to enable the record to be sent, communicated, or received.
- (c) A person may satisfy subsection (a) of this section by using the services of another person if the requirements of that subsection are satisfied.
- (d) If a law requires a record to be presented or retained in its original form, or provides consequences if the record is not presented or retained in its original form, that law is satisfied by an electronic record retained in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.
- (e) If a law requires retention of a check, that requirement is satisfied by retention of an electronic record of the information on the front and back of the check in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.
- (f) A record retained as an electronic record in accordance with subsection (a) of this section satisfies a law requiring a person to retain a record for evidentiary, audit, or like purposes, unless a law enacted after the operative date of this section specifically prohibits the use of an electronic record for the specified purpose.
- (g) This section does not preclude a governmental agency of this state from specifying additional requirements for the retention of a record subject to the agency's jurisdiction.
- Sec. 13. <u>In a proceeding, evidence of a record or signature may not be excluded solely because it is in electronic form.</u>
  - Sec. 14. In an automated transaction, the following rules apply:
- (1) A contract may be formed by the interaction of electronic agents of the parties, even if no individual was aware of or reviewed the electronic agents' actions or the resulting terms and agreements.
- (2) A contract may be formed by the interaction of an electronic agent and an individual, acting on the individual's own behalf or for another person, including by an interaction in which the individual performs actions that the individual is free to refuse to perform and which the individual knows or has reason to know will cause the electronic agent to complete the transaction or performance.
- (3) The terms of the contract are determined by the substantive law applicable to it.
- Sec. 15. (a) Unless otherwise agreed between the sender and the recipient, an electronic record is sent when it:
- (1) is addressed properly or otherwise directed properly to an information processing system that the recipient has designated or uses for the purpose of receiving electronic records or information of the type sent and from which the recipient is able to retrieve the electronic record;
  - (2) is in a form capable of being processed by that system; and
- (3) enters an information processing system outside the control of the sender or of a person that sent the electronic record on behalf of the sender or enters a region of the information processing system designated or used by the recipient which is under the control of the recipient.
- (b) Unless otherwise agreed between a sender and the recipient, an electronic record is received when:
- (1) it enters an information processing system that the recipient has designated or uses for the purpose of receiving electronic records or information of the type sent and from which the recipient is able to retrieve the electronic record; and
  - (2) it is in a form capable of being processed by that system.
- (c) Subsection (b) of this section applies even if the place the information processing system is located is different from the place the electronic record is deemed to be received under subsection (d) of this section.
- (d) Unless otherwise expressly provided in the electronic record or agreed between the sender and the recipient, an electronic record is deemed to be sent from the sender's place of business and to be received at the recipient's place of business. For purposes of this subsection, the following rules apply:
- (1) If the sender or recipient has more than one place of business, the place of business of that person is the place having the closest relationship to the underlying transaction.
- (2) If the sender or the recipient does not have a place of business, the place of business is the sender's or recipient's residence, as the case may be.
- (e) An electronic record is received under subsection (b) of this section even if no individual is aware of its receipt.
  - (f) Receipt of an electronic acknowledgment from an information

processing system described in subsection (b) of this section establishes that a record was received but, by itself, does not establish that the content sent corresponds to the content received.

- (g) If a person is aware that an electronic record purportedly sent under subsection (a) of this section, or purportedly received under subsection (b) of this section, was not actually sent or received, the legal effect of the sending or receipt is determined by other applicable law. Except to the extent permitted by the other law, the requirements of this subsection may not be varied by agreement.
- Sec. 16. (a) In this section, transferable record means an electronic record that:
- (1) would be a note under article 3 of the Uniform Commercial Code or a document under article 7 of the Uniform Commercial Code if the electronic record were in writing; and
- (2) the issuer of the electronic record expressly has agreed is a transferable record.
- (b) A person has control of a transferable record if a system employed for evidencing the transfer of interests in the transferable record reliably establishes that person as the person to which the transferable record was issued or transferred.
- (c) A system satisfies subsection (b) of this section, and a person is deemed to have control of a transferable record, if the transferable record is created, stored, and assigned in such a manner that:
- (1) a single authoritative copy of the transferable record exists which is unique, identifiable, and, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (4), (5), and (6) of this subsection, unalterable;
- (2) the authoritative copy identifies the person asserting control as:
  - (A) the person to which the transferable record was issued; or
- (B) if the authoritative copy indicates that the transferable record has been transferred, the person to which the transferable record was most recently transferred;
- (3) the authoritative copy is communicated to and maintained by the person asserting control or its designated custodian;
- (4) copies or revisions that add or change an identified assignee of the authoritative copy can be made only with the consent of the person asserting control;
- (5) each copy of the authoritative copy and any copy of a copy is readily identifiable as a copy that is not the authoritative copy; and
- (6) any revision of the authoritative copy is readily identifiable as authorized or unauthorized.
- (d)(i) Prior to July 1, 2001, except as otherwise agreed, a person having control of a transferable record is the holder, as defined in subdivision (20) of section 1-201, Uniform Commercial Code, of the transferable record and has the same rights and defenses as a holder of an equivalent record or writing under the Uniform Commercial Code, including, if the applicable statutory requirements under subsection (a) of section 3-302, 7-501, or 9-308, Uniform Commercial Code, are satisfied, the rights and defenses of a holder in due course, a holder to which a negotiable document of title has been duly negotiated, or a purchaser, respectively. Delivery, possession, and indorsement are not required to obtain or exercise any of the rights under this subdivision.
- (ii) On or after July 1, 2001, except as otherwise agreed, a person having control of a transferable record is the holder, as defined in subdivision (20) of section 1-201, Uniform Commercial Code, of the transferable record and has the same rights and defenses as a holder of equivalent record or writing under the Uniform Commercial Code, including, if the applicable statutory requirements under subsection (a) of section 7-501, or 9-330, Uniform Commercial Code, are satisfied, the rights and defenses of a holder in due course, a holder to which a negotiable document of title has been duly negotiated, or a purchaser, respectively. Delivery, possession, and indorsement are not required to obtain or exercise any of the rights under this subdivision.
- (e) Except as otherwise agreed, an obligor under a transferable record has the same rights and defenses as an equivalent obligor under equivalent records or writings under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- (f) If requested by a person against which enforcement is sought, the person seeking to enforce the transferable record shall provide reasonable proof that the person is in control of the transferable record. Proof may include access to the authoritative copy of the transferable record and related business records sufficient to review the terms of the transferable record and to establish the identity of the person having control of the

transferable record.

Sec. 17. <u>Sections 17 to 22 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act.</u>

- Sec. 18. The creation of security interests and pledges by governmental units is controlled by other provisions of law. The Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act governs the perfection, priority, and enforcement of all security interests created by governmental units.
- Sec. 19. For purposes of the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security <a href="Interest Act:">Interest Act:</a>
- (1) Authorizing statute means any statute which authorizes the issuance of bonds;
- (2) Bond means any bond, note, warrant, loan agreement, lease, lease-purchase agreement, pledge agreement, or other evidence of indebtedness for which a security interest is granted or a pledge made upon revenue or other property, including any limited tax revenue, to provide for payment or security;
- (3) Governmental unit means the State of Nebraska, any county, school district, city, village, public power district, sanitary and improvement district, educational service unit, community college area, natural resources district, airport authority, fire protection district, hospital authority, joint entity created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, joint public agency, instrumentality, or any other district, authority, or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska and governmental units as defined in subdivision (a)(45) of section 9-102, Uniform Commercial Code;
- (4) Measure means any ordinance, resolution, or other enactment authorizing the issuance of bonds or authorizing an indenture with respect to bonds pursuant to an authorizing statute; and
- (5) Owner means any holder, registered owner, or beneficial owner of a bond.
- Sec. 20. Any security interest created by a governmental unit pursuant to an authorizing statute is perfected by the adoption of the measure or measures from the date on which the measure takes effect without the need for any physical delivery, filing, or recording in any office.
- Sec. 21. The priority of any security interest created by a governmental unit shall be governed by the contractual terms set forth in the measure or measures, including the terms of any indenture or any other agreement approved by the measure or measures, adopted by the governmental unit. No security interest having priority over an existing security interest may be created in violation of the terms of an existing measure governing outstanding bonds.
- Sec. 22. The terms of any applicable authorizing statute shall govern the enforcement of any security interest to the extent that the authorizing statute contains express provisions relating to enforcement or authorizes a governmental unit to contract with respect to enforcement. In the absence of any such express provisions in an authorizing statute, the following provisions apply:
- (1) Any measure may include provisions determining what events constitute events of default. In the absence of any express provision relating to default in any measure, the governmental unit is in default so long as any default in payment with respect to principal, interest, or premium on a bond has occurred and remains uncured;
- (2) Any trustee designated in or under the terms of a measure shall have the right, if a default has occurred, to have a receiver appointed for the collection of any revenue or property in which a security interest is granted, and if the revenue is from any revenue-producing undertaking, any such receiver may also be appointed to operate and manage such revenue-producing undertaking for the benefit of the owners of the bonds in accordance with the terms of the measure or measures authorizing their issuance;
- (3) If there is no trustee designated in or under the terms of a measure, any owner of a bond shall have the right, if a default has occurred, to have a receiver appointed for the collection of any revenue or property in which a security interest is granted and, if the revenue is from any revenue-producing undertaking, any such receiver may also be appointed to operate and manage such revenue-producing undertaking for the benefit of the owners of the bonds in accordance with the terms of the measure or measures authorizing their issuance;
- (4) Any trustee designated in or under the terms of any measure or any owner of a bond, if there is no trustee designated, shall have the right to bring proceedings against the governing body of the governmental unit to order the imposing of rates or charges with respect to any revenue-producing undertaking sufficient to provide for payment of principal, interest, and

premium on a bond or bonds as the same fall due; and

(5) Any trustee designated in or under the terms of any measure or any owner of a bond shall have the right to exercise any other remedy provided by law.

Sec. 23. Section 33-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

33-101. There shall be paid to the Secretary of State the following fees:

- (1) For certificate or exemplification with seal, ten dollars;
- (2) For copies of records, for each page, a fee of one dollar;
- (3) For accessing records by electronic means:
- (a) For information in the Secretary of State's business division data base on a business or nonprofit corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership: Seventy-five cents for each business entity searched on an individual basis; and for batch requests of business entity information, fifteen dollars for up to one thousand business entities accessed and an additional fifteen dollars for each additional one thousand business entities accessed over one thousand;
- (b) For information in the Secretary of State's Uniform Commercial Code Division data base, including records filed pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code, Chapter 52, article 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, or 14, Chapter 54, article 2, or the Uniform State Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act, for batch requests searched by debtor location, fifteen dollars for up to one thousand records accessed and an additional fifteen dollars for each additional one thousand records accessed over one thousand;
- (c) For an electronically transmitted letter indicating whether a business is properly registered with the Secretary of State and authorized to do business in the state, six dollars and fifty cents; and
- $\underline{\text{(d)}}$  (c) For the entire contents of the data base regarding corporations and the Uniform Commercial Code, eight hundred dollars monthly subscription rate;
- (4) For recording articles of association or incorporation, amendments, revised or restated articles, changes of registered office or registered agent, increase or decrease of capital stock, merger or consolidation, statement of intent to dissolve, and consent to dissolution, revocation of dissolution, articles of dissolution, domestic or foreign, profit or nonprofit, five dollars per page;
  - (5) For taking acknowledgment, ten dollars;
  - (6) For administering oath, ten dollars;
- (7) For filings by for-profit corporations and associations required or permitted by law to file articles of incorporation or organization with the Secretary of State, the fees provided in section 21-2005 unless otherwise specifically provided by law; and
- (8) For filings by nonprofit corporations and associations required or permitted by law to file articles of incorporation or organization with the Secretary of State, the fees provided in section 21-1905 unless otherwise specifically provided by law.
- All fees collected pursuant to subdivision (3) of this section shall be deposited in the Records Management Cash Fund and shall be distributed as provided in any agreements between the State Records Board and the Secretary of State.
- Sec. 24. Section 1-105, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 1-105. Territorial application of the code; parties' power to choose applicable law.
- (1) Except as provided hereafter in this section, when a transaction bears a reasonable relation to this state and also to another state or nation the parties may agree that the law either of this state or of such other state or nation shall govern their rights and duties. Failing such agreement the Uniform Commercial Code applies to transactions bearing an appropriate relation to this state.
- (2) Where one of the following provisions specifies the applicable law, that provision governs and a contrary agreement is effective only to the extent permitted by the law (including the conflict of laws rules) so specified:

Rights of creditors against sold goods. Section 2-402. Applicability of the article on Leases. Sections 2A-105 and 2A-106.

Applicability of the article on Leases. Sections 2A-105 and 2A-106. Applicability of the article on Bank Deposits and Collections. Section 4-102.

Governing law in the article on Funds Transfers. Section 4A-507. Letters of Credit. Section 5-116.

Applicability of the article on Investment Securities. Section

8-110.

Law governing perfection, the effect of perfection or nonperfection, and the priority of security interests <u>and agricultural liens</u>. Sections 9-301 to 9-307.

Sec. 25. Section 9-102, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:

9-102. Definitions and index of definitions.

- (a) In this article:
- (1) "Accession" means goods that are physically united with other goods in such a manner that the identity of the original goods is not lost.
- (2) "Account", except as used in "account for", means a right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether or not earned by performance, (i) for property that has been or is to be sold, leased, licensed, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, (ii) for services rendered or to be rendered, (iii) for a policy of insurance issued or to be issued, (iv) for a secondary obligation incurred or to be incurred, (v) for energy provided or to be provided, (vi) for the use or hire of a vessel under a charter or other contract, (vii) arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card, or (viii) as winnings in a lottery or other game of chance operated or sponsored by a state, governmental unit of a state, or person licensed or authorized to operate the game by a state or governmental unit of a state. The term includes health-care-insurance receivables. The term does not include (i) rights to payment evidenced by chattel paper or instrument, (ii) commercial tort claims, (iii) deposit accounts, (iv) investment property, (v) letter-of-credit rights or letters of credit, or (vi) rights to payment for money or funds advanced or sold, other than rights arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.
- (3) "Account debtor" means a person obligated on an account, chattel paper, or general intangible. The term does not include persons obligated to pay a negotiable instrument, even if the instrument constitutes part of chattel paper.
- (4) "Accounting", except as used in "accounting for", means a record:
  - (A) authenticated by a secured party;
- (B) indicating the aggregate unpaid secured obligations as of a date not more than 35 days earlier or 35 days later than the date of the record; and
- (C) identifying the components of the obligations in reasonable detail.
- (5) "Agricultural lien" means an interest, other than a security interest, in farm products:
  - (A) which secures payment or performance of an obligation for:
- (i) goods or services furnished in connection with a debtor's farming operation; or
- (ii) rent on real property leased by a debtor in connection with its farming operation;
  - (B) which is created by statute in favor of a person that:
- (i) in the ordinary course of its business furnished goods or services to a debtor in connection with a debtor's farming operation; or
- (ii) leased real property to a debtor in connection with the debtor's farming operation; and
- (C) whose effectiveness does not depend on the person's possession of the personal property.
  - (6) "As-extracted collateral" means:
- (A) oil, gas, or other minerals that are subject to a security interest that:
- (i) is created by a debtor having an interest in the minerals before extraction; and
  - (ii) attaches to the minerals as extracted; or
- (B) accounts arising out of the sale at the wellhead or minehead of oil, gas, or other minerals in which the debtor had an interest before extraction.
  - (7) "Authenticate" means:
  - (A) to sign; or
- (B) to execute or otherwise adopt a symbol, or encrypt or similarly process a record in whole or in part, with the present intent of the authenticating person to identify the person and adopt or accept a record.
- (8) "Bank" means an organization that is engaged in the business of banking. The term includes savings banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and trust companies.
  - (9) "Cash proceeds" means proceeds that are money, checks, deposit

accounts, or the like.

(10) "Certificate of title" means a certificate of title with respect to which a statute provides for the security interest in question to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the collateral.

- (11) "Chattel paper" means a record or records that evidence both a monetary obligation and a security interest in specific goods, a security interest in specific goods and software used in the goods, of a security interest in specific goods and license of software used in the goods, a lease of specific goods, or a lease of specific goods and license of software used in the goods. In this subdivision, "monetary obligation" means a monetary obligation secured by the goods or owed under a lease of the goods and includes a monetary obligation with respect to software used in the goods. The term does not include (i) charters or other contracts involving the use or hire of a vessel or (ii) records that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card. If a transaction is evidenced both by a security agreement or lease and by records that include an instrument or series of instruments, the group of records taken together constitutes chattel paper.
- (12) "Collateral" means the property subject to a security interest or agricultural lien. The term includes:
  - (A) proceeds to which a security interest attaches;
- (B) accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, and promissory notes that have been sold; and
  - (C) goods that are the subject of a consignment.
- (13) "Commercial tort claim" means a claim arising in tort with respect to which:
  - (A) the claimant is an organization; or
  - (B) the claimant is an individual and the claim:
- (i) arose in the course of the claimant's business or profession;
- (ii) does not include damages arising out of personal injury to or the death of an individual.
- (14) "Commodity account" means an account maintained by a commodity intermediary in which a commodity contract is carried for a commodity customer.
- (15) "Commodity contract" means a commodity futures contract, an option on a commodity futures contract, a commodity option, or another contract if the contract or option is:
- (A) traded on or subject to the rules of a board of trade that has been designated as a contract market for such a contract pursuant to federal commodities laws; or
- (B) traded on a foreign commodity board of trade, exchange, or market, and is carried on the books of a commodity intermediary for a commodity customer.
- (16) "Commodity customer" means a person for which a commodity intermediary carries a commodity contract on its books.
  - (17) "Commodity intermediary" means a person that:
- (A) is registered as a futures commission merchant under federal commodities law; or
- (B) in the ordinary course of its business provides clearance or settlement services for a board of trade that has been designated as a contract market pursuant to federal commodities law.
  - (18) "Communicate" means:
  - (A) to send a written or other tangible record;
- (B) to transmit a record by any means agreed upon by the persons sending and receiving the record; or
- (C) in the case of transmission of a record to or by a filing office, to transmit a record by any means prescribed by filing-office rule.
- (19) "Consignee" means a merchant to which goods are delivered in a consignment.
- (20) "Consignment" means a transaction, regardless of its form, in which a person delivers goods to a merchant for the purpose of sale and:
  - (A) the merchant:
- (i) deals in goods of that kind under a name other than the name of the person making delivery;
  - (ii) is not an auctioneer; and
- (iii) is not generally known by its creditors to be substantially engaged in selling the goods of others;
- (B) with respect to each delivery, the aggregate value of the goods is \$1,000 or more at the time of delivery;

(C) the goods are not consumer goods immediately before delivery; and

- (D) the transaction does not create a security interest that secures an obligation.
- "Consignor" means a person that delivers goods to a consignee (21) in a consignment.
  - (22) "Consumer debtor" means a debtor in a consumer transaction.
- (23) "Consumer goods" means goods that are used or bought for use primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- (24) "Consumer-goods transaction" means a consumer transaction in which:
- (A) an individual incurs an obligation primarily for personal, family, or household purposes; and
  - (B) a security interest in consumer goods secures the obligation.
- (25) "Consumer obligor" means an obligor who is an individual and who incurred the obligation as part of a transaction entered into primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- (26) "Consumer transaction" means a transaction in which (i) an individual incurs an obligation primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, (ii) a security interest secures the obligation, and (iii) the collateral is held or acquired primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. The term includes consumer-goods transactions.
- (27) "Continuation statement" means an amendment of a financing statement which:
- (A) identifies, by its file number, the initial financing statement to which it relates; and
- (B) indicates that it is a continuation statement for, or that it is filed to continue the effectiveness of, the identified financing statement.
  - (28) "Debtor" means:
- (A) a person having an interest, other than a security interest or other lien, in the collateral, whether or not the person is an obligor;
- (B) a seller of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, promissory notes; or
  - (C) a consignee.
- (29) "Deposit account" means a demand, time, savings, passbook, or similar account maintained with a bank. The term does not include investment property or accounts evidenced by an instrument.
- (30) "Document" means a document of title or a receipt of the type described in section 7-201(2).
- (31) "Electronic chattel paper" means chattel paper evidenced by a record or records consisting of information stored in an electronic medium.
- (32) "Encumbrance" means a right, other than an ownership interest, operty. The term includes mortgages and other liens on real in real property. property.
- (33) "Equipment" means goods other than inventory, farm products, or consumer goods.
- "Farm products" means goods, other than standing timber, with (34)respect to which the debtor is engaged in a farming operation and which are:
  - (A) crops grown, growing, or to be grown, including:

  - (i) crops produced on trees, vines, and bushes; and(ii) aquatic goods produced in aquacultural operations;
- (B) livestock, born or unborn, including aquatic goods produced in aquacultural operations;
  - (C) supplies used or produced in a farming operation; or
  - (D) products of crops or livestock in their unmanufactured states.
- (35) "Farming operation" means raising, cultivating, propagating, grazing, or any other farming, livestock, or aquacultural fattening, aquacultural operation.
- (36) "File number" means the number assigned to an initial financing statement pursuant to section 9-519(a).
- (37) "Filing office" means an office designated in section 9-501 as the place to file a financing statement.
- (38) "Filing-office rule" means a rule adopted pursuant to section 9-526.
- (39) "Financing statement" means a record or records composed of an initial financing statement and any filed record relating to the initial financing statement.
- (40) "Fixture filing" means the filing of a financing statement covering goods that are or are to become fixtures and satisfying section 9-502(a) and (b). The term includes the filing of a financing statement covering goods of a transmitting utility which are or are to become fixtures.
  - (41) "Fixtures" means goods that have become so related to

particular real property that an interest in them arises under real property law.

- (42) "General intangible" means any personal property, including things in action, other than accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, goods, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, and oil, gas, or other minerals before extraction. The term includes payment intangibles and software.
- (43) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.
- (44) "Goods" means all things that are movable when a security interest attaches. The term includes (i) fixtures, (ii) standing timber that is to be cut and removed under a conveyance or contract for sale, (iii) the unborn young of animals, (iv) crops grown, growing, or to be grown, even if the crops are produced on trees, vines, or bushes, and (v) manufactured homes. The term also includes a computer program embedded in goods and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program if (i) the program is associated with the goods in such a manner that it customarily is considered part of the goods, or (ii) by becoming the owner of the goods, a person acquires a right to use the program in connection with the goods. The term does not include a computer program embedded in goods that consist solely of the medium in which the program is embedded. The term also does not include accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, or oil, gas, or other minerals before extraction.
- (45) "Governmental unit" means a subdivision, agency, department, county, parish, municipality, or other unit of the government of the United States, a state, or a foreign country. The term includes an organization having a separate corporate existence if the organization is eligible to issue debt on which interest is exempt from income taxation under the laws of the United States.
- (46) "Health-care-insurance receivable" means an interest in or claim under a policy of insurance which is a right to payment of a monetary obligation for health-care goods or services provided.
- (47) "Instrument" means a negotiable instrument or any other writing that evidences a right to the payment of a monetary obligation, is not itself a security agreement or lease, and is of a type that in ordinary course of business is transferred by delivery with any necessary indorsement or assignment including, but not limited to, a writing that would otherwise qualify as a certificate of deposit (defined in section 3-104(j)) but for the fact that the writing contains a limitation on transfer. The term does not include (i) investment property, (ii) letters of credit, or (iii) writings that evidence a right to payment arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.
  - (48) "Inventory" means goods, other than farm products, which:
  - (A) are leased by a person as lessor;
- (B) are held by a person for sale or lease or to be furnished under a contract of service;
  - (C) are furnished by a person under a contract of service; or
- (D) consist of raw materials, work in process, or materials used or consumed in a business.
- (49) "Investment property" means a security, whether certificated or uncertificated, security entitlement, securities account, commodity contract, or commodity account.
- (50) "Jurisdiction of organization", with respect to a registered organization, means the jurisdiction under whose law the organization is organized.
- (51) "Letter-of-credit right" means a right to payment or performance under a letter of credit, whether or not the beneficiary has demanded or is at the time entitled to demand payment or performance. The term does not include the right of a beneficiary to demand payment or performance under a letter of credit.
  - (52) "Lien creditor" means:
- (A) a creditor that has acquired a lien on the property involved by attachment, levy, or the like;
- (B) an assignee for benefit of creditors from the time of assignment;
- (C) a trustee in bankruptcy from the date of the filing of the petition; or
  - (D) a receiver in equity from the time of appointment.
  - (53) "Manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one or

more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is 320 or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. The term includes any structure that meets all of the requirements of this subdivision except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under Title 42 of the United States Code.

- (54) "Manufactured-home transaction" means a secured transaction:
- (A) that creates a purchase-money security interest in a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home held as inventory; or
- (B) in which a manufactured home, other than a manufactured home held as inventory, is the primary collateral.
- (55) "Mortgage" means a consensual interest in real property, including fixtures, which secures payment or performance of an obligation.
- (56) "New debtor" means a person that becomes bound as debtor under section 9-203(d) by a security agreement previously entered into by another person.
- (57) "New value" means (i) money, (ii) money's worth in property, services, or new credit, or (iii) release by a transferee of an interest in property previously transferred to the transferee. The term does not include an obligation substituted for another obligation.
  - (58) "Noncash proceeds" means proceeds other than cash proceeds.
- (59) "Obligor" means a person that, with respect to an obligation secured by a security interest in or an agricultural lien on the collateral, (i) owes payment or other performance of the obligation, (ii) has provided property other than the collateral to secure payment or other performance of the obligation, or (iii) is otherwise accountable in whole or in part for payment or other performance of the obligation. The term does not include issuers or nominated persons under a letter of credit.
- (60) "Original debtor", except as used in section 9-310(c), means a person that, as debtor, entered into a security agreement to which a new debtor has become bound under section 9-203(d).
- (61) "Payment intangible" means a general intangible under which the account debtor's principal obligation is a monetary obligation.
  - (62) "Person related to", with respect to an individual, means:
  - (A) the spouse of the individual;
- (B) a brother, brother-in-law, sister, or sister-in-law of the individual;
- (C) an ancestor or lineal descendant of the individual or the individual's spouse; or
- (D) any other relative, by blood or marriage, of the individual or the individual's spouse who shares the same home with the individual.
  - (63) "Person related to", with respect to an organization, means:
- (A) a person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the organization;
- (B) an officer or director of, or a person performing similar functions with respect to, the organization;
- (C) an officer or director of, or a person performing similar functions with respect to, a person described in subdivision (A);
- (D) the spouse of an individual described in subdivision (A), (B), or (C): or
- (E) an individual who is related by blood or marriage to an individual described in subdivision (A), (B), (C), or (D) and shares the same home with the individual.
- (64) "Proceeds", except as used in section 9-609(b), means the following property:
- (A) whatever is acquired upon the sale, lease, license, exchange, or other disposition of collateral;
- (B) whatever is collected on, or distributed on account of, collateral;
  - (C) rights arising out of collateral;
- (D) to the extent of the value of collateral, claims arising out of the loss, nonconformity, or interference with the use of, defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the collateral; or
- (E) to the extent of the value of collateral and to the extent payable to the debtor or the secured party, insurance payable by reason of the loss or nonconformity of, defects or infringement of rights in, or damage to, the collateral.

(65) "Promissory note" means an instrument that evidences a promise to pay a monetary obligation, does not evidence an order to pay, and does not contain an acknowledgment by a bank that the bank has received for deposit a sum of money or funds.

- (66) "Proposal" means a record authenticated by a secured party which includes the terms on which the secured party is willing to accept collateral in full or partial satisfaction of the obligation it secures pursuant to sections 9-620, 9-621, and 9-622.
- (67) "Public-finance transaction" means a secured transaction in connection with which:
  - (A) debt securities are issued;
- (B) all or a portion of the securities issued have an initial stated maturity of at least 20 years; and
- (C) the debtor, obligor, secured party, account debtor or other person obligated on collateral, assignor or assignee of a secured obligation, or assignor or assignee of a security interest is a state or a governmental unit of a state.
- (68) "Pursuant to commitment", with respect to an advance made or other value given by a secured party, means pursuant to the secured party's obligation, whether or not a subsequent event of default or other event not within the secured party's control has relieved or may relieve the secured party from its obligation.
- (69) "Record", except as used in "for record", "of record", "record or legal title", and "record owner", means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or which is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- (70) "Registered organization" means an organization organized solely under the law of a single state or the United States and as to which the state or the United States must maintain a public record showing the organization to have been organized.
  - (71) "Secondary obligor" means an obligor to the extent that:(A) the obligor's obligation is secondary; or
- (B) the obligor has a right of recourse with respect to an obligation secured by collateral against the debtor, another obligor, or property of either.
  - (72) "Secured party" means:
- (A) a person in whose favor a security interest is created or provided for under a security agreement, whether or not any obligation to be secured is outstanding;
  - (B) a person that holds an agricultural lien;
  - (C) a consignor;
- (D) a person to which accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes have been sold;
- (E) a trustee, indenture trustee, agent, collateral agent, or other representative in whose favor a security interest or agricultural lien is created or provided for; or
- (F) a person that holds a security interest arising under section 2-401, 2-505, 2-711(3), 2A-508(5), 4-210, or 5-118.
- (73) "Security agreement" means an agreement that creates or provides for a security interest.

  (74) "Send", in connection with a record or notification, means:
- (A) to deposit in the mail, deliver for transmission, or transmit by other usual means of communication, with postage or cost of transmission provided for, addressed to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or
- (B) to cause the record or notification to be received within the time that it would have been received if properly sent under subdivision (A).
- (75) "Software" means a computer program and any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to the program. The term does not include a computer program that is included in the definition of goods.
- (76) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
- (/// supporting obligation" means a letter-of-credit right or secondary obligation that supports the payment or performance of an account, chattel paper, a document, a general intangible, an instrument, or investment property.
- (78) "Tangible chattel paper" means chattel paper evidenced by a record or records consisting of information that is inscribed on a tangible medium.
- (79) "Termination statement" means an amendment of a financing statement which:

(A) identifies, by its file number, the initial financing statement to which it relates; and

- (B) indicates either that it is a termination statement or that the identified financing statement is no longer effective.
- (80) "Transmitting utility" means a person primarily engaged in the business of:
  - (A) operating a railroad, subway, street railway, or trolley bus;
- (B) transmitting communications electrically, electromagnetically, or by light;
  - (C) transmitting goods by pipeline or sewer; or
- (D) transmitting or producing and transmitting electricity, steam, gas, or water.
- (b) The following definitions in other articles apply to this article:

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"Applicant".
                                                        Section 5-102.
"Beneficiary".
                                                        Section 5-102.
                                                       Section 8-102. Section 8-102.
"Broker".
"Certificated security".
"Check".
                                                        Section 3-104.
"Clearing corporation".
                                                        Section
                                                                8-102.
"Contract for sale".
                                                       Section 2-106.
"Customer".
                                                        Section 4-104.
"Entitlement holder".
                                                        Section 8-102.
"Financial asset".
                                                       Section 8-102.
"Holder in due course".
"Issuer" (with respect to
                                                        Section 3-302.
    a letter of credit or
    letter-of-credit right).
                                                       Section 5-102.
"Issuer" (with respect to
    a security).
                                                       Section 8-201.
"Lease".
                                                        Section 2A-103.
"Lease agreement".
                                                        Section 2A-103.
"Lease contract".
                                                        Section 2A-103.
"Leasehold interest".
                                                        Section 2A-103.
"Lessee".
                                                       Section 2A-103.
"Lessee in ordinary course
   of business".
                                                       Section 2A-103.
"Lessor".
                                                       Section 2A-103.
"Lessor's residual interest".
                                                        Section 2A-103.
"Letter of credit".
                                                       Section 5-102.
"Merchant".
                                                       Section 2-104.
"Negotiable instrument".
                                                        Section
                                                                3-104.
                                                       Section 5-102.
"Nominated person".
"Note".
                                                       Section 3-104.
"Proceeds of a letter of credit".
                                                                5-114.
                                                       Section
"Prove".
                                                       Section 3-103.
"Sale".
                                                       Section
                                                                2-106.
"Securities account".
                                                        Section 8-501.
"Securities intermediary".
                                                        Section 8-102.
"Security".
                                                        Section
                                                                8-102.
                                                       Section 8-102.
"Security certificate".
"Security entitlement".
                                                        Section 8-102.
"Uncertificated security".
                                                       Section
                                                                 8-102.
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- (c) Article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this article.
- Sec. 26. Section 9-104, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-104. Control of deposit account.
  - (a) A secured party has control of a deposit account if:
- (1) the secured party is the bank with which the deposit account is maintained;
- (2) the debtor, secured party, and bank have agreed in an authenticated record that the bank will comply with instructions originated by the secured party directing disposition of the funds in the <u>deposit</u> account without further consent by the debtor; or
- (3) the secured party becomes the bank's customer with respect to the deposit account.
- (b) A secured party that has satisfied subsection (a) has control, even if the debtor retains the right to direct the disposition of funds from the deposit account.
- Sec. 27. Section 9-210, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:

9-210. Request for accounting; request regarding list of collateral or statement of account.

- (a) In this section:
- (1) "Request" means a record of a type described in subdivision (2), (3), or (4).
- "Request for an accounting" means a record authenticated by a (2) debtor requesting that the recipient provide an accounting of the unpaid obligations secured by collateral and reasonably identifying the transaction or relationship that is the subject of the request.
- (3) "Request regarding a list of collateral" means a record authenticated by a debtor requesting that the recipient approve or correct a list of what the debtor believes to be the collateral securing an obligation and reasonably identifying the transaction or relationship that is the subject of the request.
- "Request regarding a statement of account" means a record (4) authenticated by a debtor requesting that the recipient approve or correct a statement indicating what the debtor believes to be the aggregate amount of unpaid obligations secured by collateral as of a specified date and reasonably identifying the transaction or relationship that is the subject of the request.
- (b) Subject to subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f), a secured party, other than a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes or a consignor, shall comply with a request within 14 days after receipt:
- (1) in the case of a request for an accounting, by authenticating and sending to the debtor an accounting; and
- (2) in the case of a request regarding a list of collateral or a request regarding a statement of account, by authenticating and sending to the debtor an approval or correction.
- (c) A secured party that claims a security interest in all of a particular type of collateral owned by the debtor may comply with a request regarding a list of collateral by sending to the debtor an authenticated record including a statement to that effect within 14 days after receipt.
- (d) A person that receives a request regarding a list of collateral, claims no interest in the collateral when it receives the request, and claimed an interest in the collateral at an earlier time shall comply with the request within 14 days after receipt by sending to the debtor an authenticated record:
- (1) disclaiming any interest in the collateral; and
  (2) if known to the recipient, providing the name and mailing address of any assignee of or successor to the recipient's security interest in the collateral.
- (e) A person that receives a request for an accounting or a request regarding a statement of account, claims no interest in the obligations when it receives the request, and claimed an interest in the obligations at an earlier time shall comply with the request within 14 days after receipt by sending to the debtor an authenticated record:
  - (1) disclaiming any interest in the obligations; and
- (2) if known to the recipient, providing the name and mailing address of any assignee of or successor to the recipient's interest in the obligations.
- (f) A debtor is entitled without charge to one response to a request under this section during any six-month period. The secured party may require payment of a charge not exceeding \$25 for each additional response.
- Section 9-311, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to Sec. 28. read:
- Perfection of security interests in property subject to certain 9-311. statutes, regulations, and treaties.
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), the filing of a financing statement is not necessary or effective to perfect a security interest in property subject to:
- (1) a statute, regulation, or treaty of the United States whose requirements for a security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property preempt section 9-310(a);
- (2) the following statutes of this state: (i) section 60-110, any period in which collateral is inventory held for sale by a person who is in the business of selling goods of that kind, the filing provisions of part 5 apply to a security interest in that collateral created by him or her as debtor; and (ii) section 37-1282, but during any period in which collateral is inventory held for sale by a person who is in the business of selling goods of that kind, the filing provisions of part 5 apply to a security interest in that collateral created by him or her as debtor; or
  - (3) a certificate-of-title statute of another jurisdiction which

provides for a security interest to be indicated on the certificate as a condition or result of the security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor with respect to the property.

- (b) Compliance with the requirements of a statute, regulation, treaty described in subsection (a) for obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor is equivalent to the filing of a financing statement under this article. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and sections 9-313 and 9-316(d) and (e) for goods covered by a certificate of title, a security interest in property subject to a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) may be perfected only by compliance with those requirements, and a security interest so perfected remains perfected notwithstanding a change in the use or transfer of possession of the collateral.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) and section 9-316(d) and (e), duration and renewal of perfection of a security interest perfected by compliance with the requirements prescribed by a statute, regulation, or treaty described in subsection (a) are governed by the statute, regulation, or treaty. In other respects, the security interest is subject to this article.
- (d) During any period in which collateral <u>subject to a statute</u> <u>specified in subdivision (a)(2)</u> is inventory held for sale or lease by a person or leased by that person as lessor and that person is in the business of selling or leasing goods of that kind, this section does not apply to a security interest in that collateral created by that person. as debtor.

  Sec. 29. Section 9-317, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to
- read:
- 9-317. Interests that take priority over or take free of unperfected security interest or agricultural lien.
- (a)  $\underline{A}$  An unperfected security interest or agricultural lien is subordinate to the rights of:
  - (1) a person entitled to priority under section 9-322; and
- (2) except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), a person that becomes a lien creditor before the earlier of the time:
  - (A) the security interest or agricultural lien is perfected; or
- (B) one of the conditions specified in section 9-203(b)(3) is met and a financing statement covering the collateral is filed.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), a buyer, other secured party, of tangible chattel paper, documents, goods, instruments, or a security certificate takes free of a security interest or agricultural lien if the buyer gives value and receives delivery of the collateral without knowledge of the security interest or agricultural lien and before it is perfected.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), a lessee of goods takes free of a security interest or agricultural lien if the lessee gives value and receives delivery of the collateral without knowledge of the security interest or agricultural lien and before it is perfected.
- (d) A licensee of a general intangible or a buyer, other than a secured party, of accounts, electronic chattel paper, general intangibles, or investment property other than a certificated security takes free of a security interest if the licensee or buyer gives value without knowledge of the security interest and before it is perfected.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in sections 9-320 and 9-321, if a person files a financing statement with respect to a purchase-money security interest before or within 20 days after the debtor receives delivery of the collateral, the security interest takes priority over the rights of a buyer, lessee, or lien creditor which arise between the time the security interest attaches and the time of filing.
- Section 9-323, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to Sec. 30. read:

9-323. Future advances.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), for purposes of determining the priority of a perfected security interest under section 9-322(a)(1), perfection of the security interest dates from the time an advance is made to the extent that the security interest secures an advance that:
  - (1) is made while the security interest is perfected only:
  - (A) under section 9-309 when it attaches; or
  - (B) temporarily under section 9-312(e), (f), or (g); and
- (2) is not made pursuant to a commitment entered into before or while the security interest is perfected by a method other than under section 9-309 or 9-312(e), (f), or (g).
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), a security interest is subordinate to the rights of a person that becomes a lien creditor

while the security interest is perfected only to the extent that it secures advances the security interest secures an advance made more than 45 days after the person becomes a lien creditor unless the advance is made:

- (1) without knowledge of the lien; or
- (2) pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the lien.
- (c) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a security interest held by a secured party that is a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes or a consignor.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e), a buyer of goods other than a buyer in ordinary course of business takes free of a security interest to the extent that it secures advances made after the earlier of:
- (1) the time the secured party acquires knowledge of the buyer's purchase; or
  - (2) 45 days after the purchase.
- (e) Subsection (d) does not apply if the advance is made pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the buyer's purchase and before the expiration of the 45-day period.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), a lessee of goods, other than a lessee in ordinary course of business, takes the leasehold interest free of a security interest to the extent that it secures advances made after the earlier of:
  - (1) the time the secured party acquires knowledge of the lease; or
  - (2) 45 days after the lease contract becomes enforceable.
- (g) Subsection (f) does not apply if the advance is made pursuant to a commitment entered into without knowledge of the lease and before the expiration of the 45-day period.
- Sec. 31. Section 9-331, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-331. Priority of rights of purchasers of instruments, documents, and securities under other articles; priority of interests in financial assets and security entitlements under article 8.
- (a) This article does not limit the rights of a holder in due course of a negotiable instrument, a holder to which a negotiable document of title has been duly negotiated, or a protected purchaser of a security. These holders or purchasers take priority over an earlier security interest, even if perfected, to the extent provided in articles 3, 7, and 8.
- (b) This article does not limit the rights of or impose liability on a person to the extent that the person is protected against the assertion of an adverse a claim under article 8.
- (c) Filing under this article does not constitute notice of a claim or defense to the holders, or purchasers, or persons described in subsections (a) and (b).
- Sec. 32. Section 9-334, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-334. Priority of security interests in fixtures and crops.
- (a) A security interest under this article may be created in goods that are fixtures or may continue in goods that become fixtures. A security interest does not exist under this article in ordinary building materials incorporated into an improvement on land.
- (b) This article does not prevent creation of an encumbrance upon fixtures under real property law.
- (c) In cases not governed by subsections (d) through (h), a security interest in fixtures is subordinate to a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the related real property other than the debtor.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h), a perfected security interest in fixtures has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if the debtor has an interest of record in or is in possession of the real property and:
  - (1) the security interest is a purchase-money security interest;
- (2) the interest of the encumbrancer or owner arises before the goods become fixtures; and
- (3) the security interest is perfected by a fixture filing before the goods become fixtures or within 20 days thereafter.
- (e) A perfected security interest in fixtures has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if:
- (1) the debtor has an interest of record in the real property or is in possession of the real property and the security interest:
- (A) is perfected by a fixture filing before the interest of the encumbrancer or owner is of record; and
- (B) has priority over any conflicting interest of a predecessor in title of the encumbrancer or owner;

(2) before the goods become fixtures, the security interest is perfected by any method permitted by this article and the fixtures are readily removable:

- (A) factory or office machines;
- (B) equipment that is not primarily used or leased for use in the operation of the real property; or
  - (C) replacements of domestic appliances that are consumer goods;
- (3) the conflicting interest is a lien on the real property obtained by legal or equitable proceedings after the security interest was perfected by any method permitted by this article; or
  - (4) the security interest is:
- (A) created in a manufactured home in a manufactured-home transaction; and
- (B) perfected pursuant to a statute described in section 9-311(a)(2).
- (f) A security interest in fixtures, whether or not perfected, has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if:
- (1) the encumbrancer or owner has, in an authenticated record, consented to the security interest or disclaimed an interest in the goods as fixtures; or
- (2) the debtor has a right to remove the goods as against the encumbrancer or owner.
- (g) The priority of the security interest under subsection (f) subdivision (f)(2) continues for a reasonable time if the debtor's right to remove the goods as against the encumbrancer or owner terminates.
- (h) A mortgage is a construction mortgage to the extent that it secures an obligation incurred for the construction of an improvement on land, including the acquisition cost of the land, if a recorded record of the mortgage so indicates. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (e) and (f), a security interest in fixtures is subordinate to a construction mortgage if a record of the mortgage is recorded before the goods become fixtures and the goods become fixtures before the completion of the construction. A mortgage has this priority to the same extent as a construction mortgage to the extent that it is given to refinance a construction mortgage.
- (i) A perfected security interest in crops growing on real property has priority over a conflicting interest of an encumbrancer or owner of the real property if the debtor has an interest of record in or is in possession of the real property.
- (j) Subsection (i) prevails over any inconsistent provisions of the law of this state.
- Sec. 33. Section 9-336, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-336. Commingled goods.
- (a) In this section, "commingled goods" means goods that are physically united with other goods in such a manner that their identity is lost in a product or mass.
- (b) A security interest does not exist in commingled goods as such. However, a security interest may attach to a product or mass that results when goods become commingled goods.
- (c) If collateral becomes commingled goods, a security interest attaches to the product or mass.
- (d) If a security interest in collateral is perfected before the collateral becomes commingled goods, the security interest that attaches to the product or mass under subsection (c) is perfected.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), the other provisions of this part determine the priority of a security interest that attaches to the product or mass under subsection (c).
- (f) If more than one security interest attaches to the product or mass under subsection (c), the following rules determine priority:
- (1) A security interest that is perfected under subsection (d) has priority over a security interest that is unperfected at the time the collateral becomes commingled goods.
- (2) If more than one security interest is perfected under subsection (d), the security interests rank equally in proportion to  $\underline{\text{the}}$  value of the collateral at the time it became commingled goods.
- Sec. 34. Section 9-406, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-406. Discharge of account debtor; notification of assignment; identification and proof of assignment; restrictions on assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, and promissory notes ineffective.

(a) Subject to subsections (b) through (i), an account debtor on an account, chattel paper, or a payment intangible may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor until, but not after, the account debtor receives a notification, authenticated by the assignor or the assignee, that the amount due or to become due has been assigned and that payment is to be made to the assignee. After receipt of the notification, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying the assignee and may not discharge the obligation by paying the assignor.

- (b) Subject to subsection (h), notification is ineffective under subsection (a):
  - (1) if it does not reasonably identify the rights assigned;
- (2) to the extent that an agreement between an account debtor and a seller of a payment intangible limits the account debtor's duty to pay a person other than the seller and the limitation is effective under law other than this article; or
- (3) at the option of an account debtor, if the notification notifies the account debtor to make less than the full amount of any installment or other periodic payment to the assignee, even if:
- (A) only a portion of the account, chattel paper, or general payment
  intangible has been assigned to that assignee;
  - (B) a portion has been assigned to another assignee; or
- (C) the account debtor knows that the assignment to that assignee is limited.
- (c) Subject to subsection (h), if requested by the account debtor, an assignee shall seasonably furnish reasonable proof that the assignment has been made. Unless the assignee complies, the account debtor may discharge its obligation by paying the assignor, even if the account debtor has received a notification under subsection (a).
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) and sections 2A-303 and 9-407, and subject to subsection (h), a term in an agreement between an account debtor and an assignor or in a promissory note is ineffective to the extent that it:
- (1) prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the account debtor or person obligated on the promissory note to the assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security interest in, the account, chattel paper, payment intangible, or promissory note; or
- (2) provides that the <u>assignment or transfer or the</u> creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the account, chattel paper, payment intangible, or promissory note.
- (e) Subsection (d) does not apply to the sale of a payment intangible or promissory note.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in sections 2A-303 and 9-407, and subject to subsections (h) and (i), a rule of law, statute, or regulation, that prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of a government, governmental body or official, or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or creation of a security interest in, an account or chattel paper is ineffective to the extent that the rule of law, statute, or regulation:
- (1) prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the government, governmental body or official, or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security interest in, the account or chattel paper; or
- (2) provides that the <u>assignment or transfer or the</u> creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the account or chattel paper.
- (g) Subject to subsection (h), an account debtor may not waive or vary its option under subdivision (b)(3).
- (h) This section is subject to law other than this article which establishes a different rule for an account debtor who is an individual and who incurred the obligation primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- (i) This section does not apply to an assignment of a health-care-insurance receivable.
- (j) This section prevails over any inconsistent provisions of the law of this state.
- Sec. 35. Section 9-407, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-407. Restrictions on creation or enforcement of security interest in leasehold interest or in lessor's residual interest.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a term in a lease agreement is ineffective to the extent that it:

- (1) prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of a party to the lease to the <u>assignment or transfer of</u>, or the creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security interest in an interest of a party under the lease contract or in the lessor's residual interest in the goods; or
- under the lease contract or in the lessor's residual interest in the goods; or

  (2) provides that the <u>assignment or transfer or the</u> creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the lease.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in section 2A-303(7), a term described in subdivision (a)(2) is effective to the extent that there is:
- (1) a transfer by the lessee of the lessee's right of possession or use of the goods in violation of the term; or
- (2) a delegation of a material performance of either party to the lease contract in violation of the term.
- (c) The creation, attachment, perfection, or enforcement of a security interest in the lessor's interest under the lease contract or the lessor's residual interest in the goods is not a transfer that materially impairs the lessee's prospect of obtaining return performance or materially changes the duty of or materially increases the burden or risk imposed on the lessee within the purview of section 2A-303(4) unless, and then only to the extent that, enforcement actually results in a delegation of material performance of the lessor.
- Sec. 36. Section 9-408, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-408. Restrictions on assignment of promissory notes, health-care-insurance receivables, and certain general intangibles ineffective.
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a term in a promissory note or in an agreement between an account debtor and a debtor which relates to a health-care-insurance receivable or a general intangible, including a contract, permit, license, or franchise, and which term prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor to, the assignment or transfer of, or creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest in, the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, is ineffective to the extent that the term:
- (1) would impair the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest; or
- (2) provides that the <u>assignment or transfer or the</u> creation, attachment, or perfection of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible.
- (b) Subsection (a) applies to a security interest in a payment intangible or promissory note only if the security interest arises out of a sale of the payment intangible or promissory note.
- (c) A rule of law, statute, or regulation that prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of a government, governmental body or official, person obligated on a promissory note, or account debtor to the assignment or transfer of, or creation of a security interest in, a promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, including a contract, permit, license, or franchise between an account debtor and a debtor, is ineffective to the extent that the rule of law, statute, or regulation:
- (1) would impair the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest; or
- (2) provides that the <u>assignment or transfer or the</u> creation, attachment, or perfection of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible.
- (d) To the extent that a term in a promissory note or in an agreement between an account debtor and a debtor which relates to a health-care-insurance receivable or general intangible or a rule of law, statute, or regulation described in subsection (c) would be effective under law other than this article but is ineffective under subsection (a) or (c), the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest in the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible:
- (1) is not enforceable against the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor;
- (2) does not impose a duty or obligation on the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor;

(3) does not require the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor to recognize the security interest, pay or render performance to the secured party, or accept payment or performance from the secured party;

- (4) does not entitle the secured party to use or assign the debtor's rights under the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible, including any related information or materials furnished to the debtor in the transaction giving rise to the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible;
- (5) does not entitle the secured party to use, assign, possess, or have access to any trade secrets or confidential information of the person obligated on the promissory note or the account debtor; and
- (6) does not entitle the secured party to enforce the security interest in the promissory note, health-care-insurance receivable, or general intangible.
- (e) This section prevails over any inconsistent provisions of the law of this state.
- Section 9-409, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to Sec. 37. read:
- 9-409. Restrictions on assignment of letter-of-credit rights ineffective.
- (a) A term in a letter of credit or a rule of law, statute, regulation, custom, or practice applicable to the letter of credit which prohibits, restricts, or requires the consent of an applicant, issuer, or nominated person to a beneficiary's assignment of or creation of a security interest in a letter-of-credit right is ineffective to the extent that the term or rule of law, statute, regulation, custom, or practice:
- (1) would impair the creation, attachment, or perfection of a
- security interest in the letter-of-credit right; or

  (2) provides that the <u>assignment or the</u> creation, attachment, or perfection of the security interest may give rise to a default, breach, right of recoupment, claim, defense, termination, right of termination, or remedy under the letter-of-credit right.
- (b) To the extent that a term in a letter of credit is ineffective under subsection (a) but would be effective under law other than this article or a custom or practice applicable to the letter of credit, to the transfer of a right to draw or otherwise demand performance under the letter of credit, or to the assignment of a right to proceeds of the letter of credit, the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest in the letter-of-credit right:
- (1) is not enforceable against the applicant, issuer, nominated person, or transferee beneficiary;
- (2) imposes no duties or obligations on the applicant, issuer, nominated person, or transferee beneficiary; and
- (3) does not require the applicant, issuer, nominated person, or transferee beneficiary to recognize the security interest, pay or render performance to the secured party, or accept payment or other performance from the secured party.
- Sec. 38. Section 9-504, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- Indication of collateral.
- A financing statement sufficiently indicates the collateral that it covers only if the financing statement provides:
  - (1) a description of the collateral pursuant to section 9-108; or
- (2) an indication that the financing statement covers all assets or all personal property.
- Section 9-509, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to Sec. 39. read:
- 9-509. Persons entitled to file a record.
- (a) A person may file an initial financing statement, amendment that adds collateral covered by a financing statement, or amendment that adds a debtor to a financing statement only if:
- (1) the debtor authorizes the filing in an authenticated record or pursuant to subsection (b) or (c); or
- (2) the person holds an agricultural lien that has become effective at the time of filing and the financing statement covers only collateral in which the person holds an agricultural lien.
- (b) By authenticating or becoming bound as debtor by a security agreement, a debtor or new debtor authorizes the filing of an initial financing statement, and an amendment, covering:
  - (1) the collateral described in the security agreement; and
- (2) property that becomes collateral under section 9-315(a)(1)(B), whether or not the security agreement expressly covers proceeds.

(c) By acquiring collateral in which a security interest or agricultural lien continues under section 9-315(a)(1)(A), a debtor authorizes the filing of an initial financing statement, and an amendment, covering the collateral and property that becomes collateral under section 9-315(a)(1)(B).

- (d) A person may file an amendment other than an amendment that adds collateral covered by a financing statement or an amendment that adds a debtor to a financing statement only if:
  - (1) the secured party of record authorizes the filing; or
- (2) the amendment is a termination statement for a financing statement as to which the secured party of record has failed to file or send a termination statement as required by section 9-513(a), the debtor authorizes the filing, and the termination statement indicates that the debtor authorized it to be filed.
- (e) If there is more than one secured party of record for a financing statement, each secured party of record may authorize the filing of an amendment under subsection (d).
- Section 9-513, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to Sec. 40. read:
- 9-513. Termination statement.
- (a) Within 20 days after a secured party receives an authenticated demand from a debtor, the secured party shall cause the secured party of record for a financing statement to send to the debtor a termination statement for the financing statement or file the termination statement in the filing office if:
- (1) except in the case of a financing statement covering accounts or chattel paper that has been sold or goods that are the subject of a consignment, there is no obligation secured by the collateral covered by the financing statement and no commitment to make an advance, incur an obligation, or otherwise give value;
- (2) the financing statement covers accounts or chattel paper that has been sold but as to which the account debtor or other person obligated has discharged its obligation;
- (3) the financing statement covers goods that were the subject of a consignment to the debtor but are not in the debtor's possession; or
- (4) the debtor did not authorize the filing of the initial financing statement.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in section 9-510, upon the filing of a termination statement with the filing office, the financing statement to which the termination statement relates ceases to be effective. Except as otherwise provided in section 9-510, for purposes of sections 9-519(g), 9-522(a), and 9-523(c), the filing with the filing office of a termination statement relating to a financing statement that indicates that the debtor a transmitting utility also causes the effectiveness of the financing statement to lapse.
- (c) There is no fee for the filing of a termination statement.

  Sec. 41. Section 9-608, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to Sec. 41. read:
- Application of proceeds of collection or enforcement; liability for 9-608. deficiency and right to surplus.
- (a) If a security interest or agricultural lien secures payment or performance of an obligation, the following rules apply:
- (1) A secured party shall apply or pay over for application the cash proceeds of collection or enforcement under this section 9-607 in the following order to:
- (A) the reasonable expenses of collection and enforcement and, to the extent provided for by agreement and not prohibited by law, reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses incurred by the secured party;
- (B) the satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest or agricultural lien under which the collection or enforcement is made; and
- (C) the satisfaction of obligations secured by any subordinate security interest in or other lien on the collateral subject to the security interest or agricultural lien under which the collection or enforcement is made if the secured party receives an authenticated demand for proceeds before
- distribution of the proceeds is completed.

  (2) If requested by a secured party, a holder of a subordinate security interest or other lien shall furnish reasonable proof of the interest or lien within a reasonable time. Unless the holder complies, the secured party need not comply with the holder's demand under subdivision (1)(C).
- (3) A secured party need not apply or pay over for application noncash proceeds of collection and enforcement under this section 9-607 unless the failure to do so would be commercially unreasonable. A secured party that applies or pays over for application noncash proceeds shall do so in a

commercially reasonable manner.

(4) A secured party shall account to and pay a debtor for any surplus, and the obligor is liable for any deficiency.

(b) If the underlying transaction is a sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes, the debtor is not entitled to any surplus, and the obligor is not liable for any deficiency.

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Sec. 42. Section 9-613, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:

9-613. Contents and form of notification before disposition of collateral: general.

Except in a consumer-goods transaction, the following rules apply:

- (1) The contents of a notification of disposition are sufficient if the notification:
  - (A) describes the debtor and the secured party;
- (B) describes the collateral that is the subject of the intended disposition;
  - (C) states the method of intended disposition;
- (D) states that the debtor is entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness and states the charge, if any, for an accounting; and
- (E) states the time and place of a public sale <u>disposition</u> or the time after which any other disposition is to be made.
- (2) Whether the contents of a notification that lacks any of the information specified in subdivision (1) are nevertheless sufficient is a question of fact.
- (3) The contents of a notification providing substantially the information specified in subdivision (1) are sufficient, even if the notification includes:
  - (A) information not specified by that subdivision; or
  - (B) minor errors that are not seriously misleading.
  - (4) A particular phrasing of the notification is not required.
- (5) In no event shall it be necessary for the notification of disposition to refer to any guarantee agreement, to identify or designate the capacity in which a debtor or secondary obligor is being sent such notification, or to identify or designate the capacity in which the debtor or secondary obligor may be liable for any deficiency existing after sale or disposition of collateral.
- (6) The following form of notification and the form appearing in section 9-614(4), when completed, each provides sufficient information:

NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL

To: .....(Name of debtor, obligor, or other person to which the notification is sent).....

From: .....(Name, address, and telephone number of secured party).....

Name of Debtor(s): .....(Include only if debtor(s) are not an addressee)......

(For a public disposition:)

We will sell (or lease or license, as applicable) the .....(describe collateral)..... (to the highest qualified bidder) in public as follows:

Day and Date: .....

Time: .....

Place: .....

(For a private disposition:)

We will sell (or lease or license, as applicable) the .....(describe collateral)..... privately sometime after .....(day and date).....

Sec. 43. Section 9-615, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:

9-615. Application of proceeds of disposition; liability for deficiency and right to surplus.

- (a) A secured party shall apply or pay over for application the cash proceeds of disposition  $\underline{\text{under section }9-610}$  in the following order to:
- (1) the reasonable expenses of retaking, holding, preparing for disposition, processing, and disposing, and, to the extent provided for by agreement and not prohibited by law, reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses incurred by the secured party;
- (2) the satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest or agricultural lien under which the disposition is made;

(3) the satisfaction of obligations secured by any subordinate security interest in or other subordinate lien on the collateral if:

- (A) the secured party receives from the holder of the subordinate security interest or other lien an authenticated demand for proceeds before distribution of the proceeds is completed; and
- (B) in a case in which a consignor has an interest in the collateral, the subordinate security interest or other lien is senior to the interest of the consignor; and
- (4) a secured party that is a consignor of the collateral if the secured party receives from the consignor an authenticated demand for proceeds before distribution of the proceeds is completed.
- (b) If requested by a secured party, a holder of a subordinate security interest or other lien shall furnish reasonable proof of the interest or lien within a reasonable time. Unless the holder does so, the secured party need not comply with the holder's demand under subdivision (a)(3).
- (c) A secured party need not apply or pay over for application noncash proceeds of disposition under this section 9-610 unless the failure to do so would be commercially unreasonable. A secured party that applies or pays over for application noncash proceeds shall do so in a commercially reasonable manner.
- (d) If the security interest under which a disposition is made secures payment or performance of an obligation, after making the payments and applications required by subsection (a) and permitted by subsection (c):
- (1) unless subdivision (a)(4) requires the secured party to apply or pay over cash proceeds to a consignor, the secured party shall account to and pay a debtor for any surplus; and
  - (2) the obligor is liable for any deficiency.
- (e) If the underlying transaction is a sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes:
  - (1) the debtor is not entitled to any surplus; and
  - (2) the obligor is not liable for any deficiency.
- (f) The surplus or deficiency following a disposition is calculated based on the amount of proceeds that would have been realized in a disposition complying with this part to a transferee other than the secured party, a person related to the secured party, or a secondary obligor if:
- (1) the transferee in the disposition is the secured party, a person related to the secured party, or a secondary obligor; and
- (2) the amount of proceeds of the disposition is significantly below the range of proceeds that a complying disposition to a person other than the secured party, a person related to the secured party, or a secondary obligor would have brought.
- (g) A secured party that receives cash proceeds of a disposition in good faith and without knowledge that the receipt violates the rights of the holder of a security interest or other lien that is not subordinate to the security interest or agricultural lien under which the disposition is made:
- (1) takes the cash proceeds free of the security interest or other lien;
- (2) is not obligated to apply the proceeds of the disposition to the satisfaction of obligations secured by the security interest or other lien; and
- (3) is not obligated to account to or pay the holder of the security interest or other lien for any surplus.
- Sec. 44. Section 9-625, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-625. Remedies for secured party's failure to comply with article.
- (a) If it is established that a secured party is not proceeding in accordance with this article, a court may order or restrain collection, enforcement, or disposition of collateral on appropriate terms and conditions.
- (b) Subject to subsections (c), (d), and (f), a person is liable for damages in the amount of any loss caused by a failure to comply with this article. Loss caused by a failure to comply with a request under section 9-210 may include loss resulting from the debtor's inability to obtain, or increased costs of, alternative financing.
  - (c) Except as otherwise provided in section 9-628:
- (1) a person that, at the time of the failure, was a debtor, was an obligor, or held a security interest in or other lien on the collateral may recover damages under subsection (b) for its loss; and
- (2) if the collateral is consumer goods, a person that was a debtor or a secondary obligor at the time a secured party failed to comply with this part may recover for that failure in any event an amount not less than the credit service charge plus 10 percent of the principal amount of the obligation or the time-price differential plus 10 percent of the cash price.

(d) A debtor whose deficiency is eliminated under section 9-626 may recover damages for the loss of any surplus. However, a debtor or secondary obligor whose deficiency is eliminated or reduced under section 9-626 may not otherwise recover under subsection (b) for noncompliance with the provisions of this part relating to collection, enforcement, disposition, or acceptance.

- (e) In addition to any damages recoverable under subsection (b), the debtor, consumer obligor, or person named as a debtor in a filed record, as applicable, may recover reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in each case from a person that:
  - (1) fails to comply with section 9-208;
  - (2) fails to comply with section 9-209;
- (3) files a record that the person is not entitled to file under section 9-509(a);
- (4) fails to cause the secured party of record to file or send a termination statement as required by section 9-513(a);
- (5) fails to comply with section 9-616(b)(1) and whose failure is part of a pattern, or consistent with a practice, of noncompliance; or
  - (6) fails to comply with section 9-616(b)(2).
- (f) A debtor or consumer obligor may recover damages under subsection (b) and, in addition, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in each case from a person that, without reasonable cause, fails to comply with a request under section 9-210. A recipient of a request under section 9-210 which never claimed an interest in the collateral or obligations that are the subject of a request under that section has a reasonable excuse for failure to comply with the request within the meaning of this subsection.
- (g) If a secured party fails to comply with a request regarding a list of collateral or a statement of account under section 9-210, the secured party may claim a security interest only as shown in the <u>list or</u> statement included in the request as against a person that is reasonably misled by the failure.
- Sec. 45. Section 9-702, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-702. Savings clause.
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, this article applies to a transaction or lien within its scope, even if the transaction or lien was entered into or created before July 1, 2001.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) and sections 9-703 to 9-708 9-709:
- (1) transactions and liens that were not governed by article 9, as such article existed immediately before July 1, 2001, were validly entered into or created before July 1, 2001, and would be subject to this article if they had been entered into or created on or after July 1, 2001, and the rights, duties, and interests flowing from those transactions and liens remain valid on and after July 1, 2001; and
- (2) the transactions and liens may be terminated, completed, consummated, and enforced as required or permitted by this article or by the law that otherwise would apply if this article had not become law.
- (c) This article does not affect an action, case, or proceeding commenced before July 1, 2001.
- Sec. 46. Section 9-705, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- 9-705. Effectiveness of action taken before July 1, 2001.
- (a) If action, other than the filing of a financing statement, is taken before July 1, 2001, and the action would have resulted in priority of a security interest over the rights of a person that becomes a lien creditor had the security interest become enforceable before July 1, 2001, the action is effective to perfect a security interest that attaches under this article within one year after July 1, 2001. An attached security interest becomes unperfected one year after July 1, 2001, unless the security interest becomes a perfected security interest under this article before the expiration of that period.
- (b) The filing of a financing statement before July 1, 2001, is effective to perfect a security interest to the extent the filing would satisfy the applicable requirements for perfection under this article.
- (c) This article does not render ineffective an effective financing statement that, before July 1, 2001, is filed and satisfies the applicable requirements for perfection under the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in section 9-103, as such section existed immediately before July 1, 2001. However, except as otherwise provided in subsections (d) and (e) and section 9-706, the financing statement ceases to be effective at the earlier of:
  - (1) the time the financing statement would have ceased to be

effective under the law of the jurisdiction in which it is filed; or

- (2) June 30, 2006.
- (d) The filing of a continuation statement on or after July 1, 2001, does not continue the effectiveness of the financing statement filed before July 1, 2001. However, upon the timely filing of a continuation statement on or after July 1, 2001, and in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in part 3, the effectiveness of a financing statement filed in the same office in that jurisdiction before July 1, 2001, continues for the period provided by the law of that jurisdiction.
- (e) Subdivision (c)(2) applies to a financing statement that, before July 1, 2001, is filed against a transmitting utility and satisfies the applicable requirements for perfection under the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in section 9-103, as such section existed immediately before July 1, 2001, only to the extent that part 3 provides that the law of a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction in which the financing statement is filed governs perfection of a security interest in collateral covered by the financing statement.
- (f) A financing statement that includes a financing statement filed before July 1, 2001, and a continuation statement filed on or after July 1, 2001, is effective only to the extent that it satisfies the requirements of part 5 for an initial financing statement.
- Sec. 47. The Uniform Commercial Code is amended by adding new section:
- 9-707. Amendment of pre-operative-date financing statement.
- (a) In this section, "pre-operative-date financing statement" means a financing statement filed before the operative date of this section.
- (b) On or after the operative date of this section, a person may add or delete collateral covered by, continue or terminate the effectiveness of, or otherwise amend the information provided in, a pre-operative-date financing statement only in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in part 3. However, the effectiveness of a pre-operative-date financing statement also may be terminated in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction in which the financing statement is filed.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), if the law of this state governs perfection of a security interest, the information in a pre-operative-date financing statement may be amended on or after the operative date of this section only if:
- (1) the pre-operative-date financing statement and an amendment are filed in the office specified in section 9-501;
- (2) an amendment is filed in the office specified in section 9-501 concurrently with, or after the filing in that office of, an initial financing statement that satisfies section 9-706(c); or
- (3) an initial financing statement that provides the information as amended and satisfies section 9-706(c) is filed in the office specified in section 9-501.
- (d) If the law of this state governs perfection of a security interest, the effectiveness of a pre-operative-date financing statement may be continued only under section 9-705(d) and (f) or 9-706.
- (e) Whether or not the law of this state governs perfection of a security interest, the effectiveness of a pre-operative-date financing statement filed in this state may be terminated on or after the operative date of this section by filing a termination statement in the office in which the pre-operative-date financing statement is filed, unless an initial financing statement that satisfies section 9-706(c) has been filed in the office specified by the law of the jurisdiction governing perfection as provided in part 3 as the office in which to file a financing statement.

  Sec. 48 Section 9-707, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- Sec. 48 Section 9-707, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:  $\frac{9-707}{9-708}$ . Persons entitled to file initial financing statement or continuation statement.
- A person may file an initial financing statement or a continuation statement under this part if:
  - (1) the secured party of record authorizes the filing; and
  - (2) the filing is necessary under this part:
- (A) to continue the effectiveness of a financing statement filed before July 1, 2001; or
  - (B) to perfect or continue the perfection of a security interest.
- Sec. 49. Section 9-708, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:
- $\frac{9-708}{}$  9-709. Priority. (a) This article determines the priority of conflicting claims to collateral. However, if the relative priorities of the claims were established before July 1, 2001, article 9, as such article existed

immediately before July 1, 2001, determines priority.

(b) For purposes of section 9-322(a), the priority of a security interest that becomes enforceable under section 9-203 dates from July 1, 2001, if the security interest is perfected under this article by the filing financing statement before July 1, 2001, which would not have been effective to perfect the security interest under article 9, as such article existed immediately before July 1, 2001. This subsection does not apply to conflicting security interests each of which is perfected by the filing of such a financing statement.

Sec. 50. Section 9-709, Uniform Commercial Code, is amended to read:

- 9-709 9-710. Filings; statements filed prior to July 1, 1999; how treated.
- (a) A financing statement or continuation statement which was filed in the proper place in this state prior to July 1, 1999, which has not lapsed by December 31, 1999, and for which the place of filing has been changed pursuant to section 9-401, as such section existed on July 1, 1999, shall lose its perfection unless a new continuation statement is filed with the Secretary of State on or after July 1, 1999, but on or before December 31, 1999. Such continuation statement shall identify the original statement by county, file number, and date and time of filing, list the collateral of the original filing, and include a statement that the original financing statement is still effective. The filing of a new continuation statement shall preserve the priority of the original filing and shall be effective for five years from the expiration of the original filing or any continuation statement filed before July 1, 1999.
- (b) No continuation statement filed pursuant to subsection (a) this section on or after July 1, 1999, shall be ineffective solely because it: (i) Failed to identify the original statement by county, file number, or date and time of filing; (ii) indicated the types or described the items of the collateral indicated in the financing statement instead of listing the collateral of the original filing; or (iii) failed to include a statement that the original financing statement is still effective.
- (c) The effectiveness of a financing statement or continuation statement which was filed in the proper place in this state prior to July 1, 1999, that lapses on or after July 1, 1999, but on or before December 31, 1999, and for which the place of filing has been changed pursuant to section 9-401, as such section existed on July 1, 1999, may be continued by the filing of a continuation statement with the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of section 9-403, as such subsection existed on July 1, 1999. If the effectiveness of a financing statement or continuation statement is continued by the filing of a continuation statement prior to July 1, 1999, such financing statement or continuation statement must be continued by the timely filing of a continuation statement in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) (d) The priority of a security interest is not affected by the fact that a continuation statement filed in accordance with this section is filed at a different place than the original financing statement.
- Sec. 51. Sections 17 to 22, 24 to 50, and 54 of this act become operative on July 1, 2001. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
- Sec. 52. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
- Original section 33-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Sec. 53. Nebraska, is repealed.
- Sec. 54. Original sections 1-105, 9-102, 9-104, 9-210, 9-311, 9-323, 9-331, 9-334, 9-336, 9-406, 9-407, 9-408, 9-409, 9-504, 9-509, 9-513, 9-608, 9-613, 9-615, 9-625, 9-702, 9-705, 9-707, 9-708, and 9-709, Uniform Commercial Code, are repealed.