

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Bennett) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 1561 - 1573 and insert:

(e) A fee or contribution for debt settlement services which exceeds 40 percent of the savings realized which is defined to be the difference between the amount of enrolled debt and the amount paid to the creditor in discharge of the enrolled debt, less any fees collected pursuant to paragraphs (b), (c), or (d). However, such fees collected for debt settlement services, in the aggregate, may not exceed 20 percent of the enrolled debt. For service contracts requiring fees to be paid

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on a monthly basis, the payment of such fees must be spread uniformly over at least 18 months or 50 percent of the term of the contract, whichever is greater.

- (f) A fee or contribution unless the debt management services or debt settlement services result in a settlement, discharge, or modification of the debt on terms more favorable to the debtor than the terms of the original agreement between the debtor and creditor.
- (g) Any fee or contribution for debt management, unless no other payment has been received, directly or indirectly, from the debtor for such services. Fees authorized under this subsection may not be a part of or included in the calculation of total enrolled debt.