30-14-1726, MCA

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30-14-1726 Definitions.

As used in 30-14-1726 through 30-14-1736, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Consumer" means an individual, a parent or guardian in the case of a minor or of an incapacitated person as defined in 72-5-101, or a conservator in the case of a protected person as defined in 72-5-101.
- (2) "Consumer reporting agency" means any person that, for monetary fees, dues, or on a cooperative nonprofit basis, regularly engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer credit information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing credit reports to a third party and that uses any means or facility of interstate commerce for the purpose of preparing or furnishing credit reports.
- (3) "Credit report" means any written, oral, or other communication of any information by a consumer reporting agency:
 - (a) bearing on a consumer's creditworthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living; and
 - **(b)** that is used or expected to be used in whole or in part for the purpose of serving as a factor in establishing the consumer's eligibility for:
 - (i) credit to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes;
 - (ii) employment purposes; or
 - (iii) any other purpose authorized under 15 U.S.C. 1681(b).
- (4) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, trust, estate, cooperative, association, government or governmental subdivision or agency, or other entity.
- (5) "Proper identification" means information sufficient to verify identity.
- (6) "Reviewing the account" or "account review" includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

(7)

- (a) "Security freeze" means a notice that:
 - (i) is placed in a consumer's credit report at the request of the consumer;

- (ii) is subject to exceptions and exemptions provided in 30-14-1734;
- (iii) prohibits the consumer reporting agency from releasing all or any part of the consumer's credit report or credit score without the express authorization of the consumer, as provided in 30-14-1729.
- **(b)** A security freeze does not prevent a consumer reporting agency from advising a third party that a security freeze is in effect with respect to the consumer's credit report.

History

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