



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1321.40 Maximum interest rate; permissible short-term loan fees.

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A licensee may charge, collect, and receive only the following fees and charges in connection with a short-term loan:

(A) Interest not exceeding a rate of twenty-eight per cent per annum;

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a monthly maintenance fee that does not exceed the lesser of ten per cent of the originally contracted loan amount or thirty dollars, provided the fee is not added to the loan balance on which interest is charged;

(2) A licensee shall not charge, collect, or receive a monthly maintenance fee if the borrower is a person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or a dependent of that person.

(C) If the originally contracted loan amount is five hundred dollars or more, a loan origination charge in the amount of two per cent of the originally contracted loan amount, provided the loan origination charge is not added to the loan balance on which interest is charged;

(D) One check collection charge per loan not exceeding an amount equal to twenty dollars plus any amount passed on from other financial institutions for each check, negotiable order of withdrawal, share draft, or other negotiable instrument returned or dishonored for any reason, provided that the terms and conditions upon which check collection charges will be charged to the borrower are set forth in the written loan contract described in division (C) of section 1321.39 of the Revised Code;

(E) If a licensee provides the proceeds of a loan in the form of a check, a fee to cash that check in an amount not exceeding ten dollars;

(F) Damages, costs, and disbursements to which the licensee may become entitled to by law in connection with any civil action to collect a loan after default, except that the total amount of damages and costs shall not exceed the originally contracted loan amount.



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