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**Governor's Bill No. 6376**

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DEBTS OWED TO THE STATE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) Each state agency, as  
2 defined in section 4a-50 of the general statutes, shall make best efforts  
3 to collect any and all unpaid debts owed to such agency. Upon request  
4 of any such agency, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall  
5 advise such agency as to the preparation of a final demand letter  
6 notifying any such debtor that such debtor has sixty days from the  
7 date of such demand letter to respond and remit payment of the debt.  
8 Such demand letter shall include a notice that the unpaid debt shall  
9 bear interest at the rate of one per cent per month, or fraction thereof,  
10 from the date when the original debt became due and payable. Not  
11 later than sixty days after the date of such demand letter, such debtor  
12 shall pay to such agency, in cash or by check, draft or money order  
13 drawn to the order of such agency, the amount of the deficiency,  
14 including any and all interest due.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall establish a  
 16 centralized database for unpaid debts owed to state agencies. If any  
 17 debt owed to any state agency remains unpaid after the sixty-day  
 18 period prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, such state agency  
 19 shall input information about such unpaid debt into the centralized  
 20 database. Such information shall be input in such manner and form as  
 21 prescribed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services. The  
 22 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall thereafter seek  
 23 reimbursement for such unpaid debts pursuant to section 12-742 of the  
 24 general statutes.

25 (c) Each state agency shall immediately update any information  
 26 input into the centralized database to reflect any payments made on  
 27 debt owed and any other changes to the information previously  
 28 recorded in the database. In no instance shall such updates be made  
 29 more than twenty-four hours after the agency's notice of change to the  
 30 debtor's information.

31 (d) Each state agency that issues any permit, license or registration  
 32 to the public shall consult the centralized database prior to issuing any  
 33 permit, license or registration. Notwithstanding any provision of the  
 34 general statutes, no state agency shall issue a license, permit or  
 35 registration to any person listed in the centralized database as owing a  
 36 current debt to any state agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations and to facilitate the collection of debts owed to the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*