



General Assembly

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 123

File No. 153

Cal. No. 118

(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING COERCED DEBT."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) A person is guilty of
4 coercion of debt when such person, for such person's use and benefit,
5 knowingly uses intimidation, threat of force, force or undue influence to
6 cause another person to incur any debt.

7 (b) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution based on
8 subsection (a) of this section that (1) at the time the prosecution is
9 commenced, the defendant has paid such debt, (2) the person who was
10 caused to incur such debt suffered no material economic loss as a result
11 of such debt, or (3) the person who was caused to incur such debt used

12 or possessed any money, goods, services or property obtained through
13 such debt.

14 (c) Coercion of debt is a class A misdemeanor."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2024	New section