## Alabama Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail or by electronic means as provided by a consumer reporting agency. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze in advance of actually applying for new credit. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time after the freeze is in place.

To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) Your personal identification number or password.
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity.
- (3) The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available. A consumer reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than 15 minutes after receiving the above information if the request is by electronic means or by telephone, or no later than three business days when a written request is submitted.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance. Unless you are a victim of identity theft with a police report or other official document acceptable to a consumer reporting agency to verify the crime, or you are 65 years of age or older, a consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you a fee of no more than ten dollars (\$10) to place a freeze on your credit report.

# **Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze**

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report and credit score for \$5 to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may not have to pay the \$5 charge if you are a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report and credit score under state law (AS 45.48.100--45.48.290).

The security freeze will prohibit a consumer credit reporting agency from releasing your credit score and any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and other services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report and credit score may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, a mortgage, a governmental service, a governmental payment, a cellular telephone, a utility, an Internet credit card application, an extension of credit at point of sale, and other items and services.

When you place a security freeze on your credit report and credit score, within 10 business days, you will be provided a personal identification number, password, or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report and credit score or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report and credit score to a specific third party or specific third parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer credit reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) proper identification to verify your identity;
- (2) the personal identification number, password, or similar device provided by the consumer credit reporting agency;
- (3) proper information necessary to identify the third party or third parties who are authorized to receive the credit report and credit score or the specific period of time for which the credit report and credit score are to be available to third parties.

A consumer credit reporting agency that receives your request to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report and credit score is required to comply with the request within 15 minutes, except after normal business hours and under certain other conditions, after receiving your request if you make the request by telephone, or an electronic method if the agency provides an electronic method, or within three business days after receiving your request if you make the request by mail. The consumer credit reporting agency may charge you \$2 to temporarily lift the freeze.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report and credit score are requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking credit, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor, days before applying for new credit.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under these laws on security freezes. The action can be brought against a consumer credit reporting agency.

# Arkansas Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, Internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale.

When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the security freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time after the security freeze is in place. To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer reporting agency by one (1) of the methods that it requires and provide all of the following:

- (1) Your personal identification number or password;
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (3) The proper information regarding the period of time for which the credit report shall be available.

A consumer reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time within fifteen (15) minutes or as soon as practical if good cause exists for the delay, and must remove a security freeze no later than three (3) business days after receiving all of the above items by any method that the consumer reporting agency allows.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or an entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

You have a right to bring a civil action against anyone, including a consumer reporting agency, that willfully or negligently fails to comply with any requirement of the Arkansas Consumer Report Security Freeze Act.

A consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you up to five dollars (\$5.00) to place a security freeze on your credit report, to temporarily lift a security freeze on your credit report, or to remove a security freeze from your credit report. However, you shall not be charged any fee if you are at least sixty-five (65) years of age or if you are a victim of identity theft and have submitted, in conjunction with the security freeze request, a copy of a valid investigative report or incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency alleging the unlawful use of your identifying information by another person.

### California Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to obtain a copy of your credit file from a consumer credit reporting agency. You may be charged a reasonable fee not exceeding eight dollars (\$8). There is no fee, however, if you have been turned down for credit, employment, insurance, or a rental dwelling because of information in your credit report within the preceding 60 days. The consumer credit reporting agency must provide someone to help you interpret the information in your credit file.

You have a right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the consumer credit reporting agency directly. However, neither you nor any credit repair company or credit service organization has the right to have accurate, current, and verifiable information removed from your credit report. Under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer credit reporting agency must remove accurate, negative information from your report only if it is over seven years old. Bankruptcy information can be reported for 10 years.

If you have notified a consumer credit reporting agency in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your file, the consumer credit reporting agency must then, within 30 business days, reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. The consumer credit reporting agency may not charge a fee for this service. Any pertinent information and copies of all documents you have concerning an error should be given to the consumer credit reporting agency.

If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a brief statement to the consumer credit reporting agency to keep in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The consumer credit reporting agency must include your statement about disputed information in a report it issues about you.

You have a right to receive a record of all inquiries relating to a credit transaction initiated in 12 months preceding your request. This record shall include the recipients of any consumer credit report.

You may request in writing that the information contained in your file not be provided to a third party for marketing purposes.

You have a right to place a "security alert" in your credit report, which will warn anyone who receives information in your credit report that your identity may have been used without your consent. Recipients of your credit report are required to take reasonable steps, including contacting you at the telephone number you may provide with your security alert, to verify your identity prior to lending money, extending credit, or completing the purchase, lease, or rental of goods or services. The security alert may prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that taking advantage of this right may delay or interfere with the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or cellular phone or other new account, including an extension of credit at point of sale. If you place a security alert on your credit report, you have a right to obtain a free copy of your credit report at the time the 90-day security alert period expires. A security alert may be requested by calling the following toll-free telephone number(s): TransUnion: 888-909-8872, Experian: 888-397-3742, Equifax: 800-685-1111 (NY residents please call 1-800-349-9960). TransUnion, Experian and Equifax can also be reached at the following addresses:

TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
https://freeze.transunion.com

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.freeze.equifax.com

California consumers also have the right to obtain a "security freeze."

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer credit reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by mail. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or cellular phone or other new account, including an extension of credit at point of sale. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a specific party or period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer credit reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The personal identification number or password.
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity.
- (3) The proper information regarding the third party who is to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer credit reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than three business days after receiving the above information.

A security freeze does not apply when you have an existing account and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking credit, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your application for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor, before applying for new credit.

A consumer credit reporting agency may not charge a fee to a consumer for placing or removing a security freeze if the consumer is a victim of identity theft and submits a copy of a valid police report or valid Department of Motor Vehicles investigative report. A person 65 years of age or older with proper identification shall not be charged a fee for placing an initial security freeze, but may be charged a fee of no more than five dollars (\$5) for lifting, removing or replacing a security freeze. All other consumers may be charged a fee of no more than ten dollars (\$10) for each of these steps.

You have a right to bring civil action against anyone, including a consumer credit reporting agency, who improperly obtains access to a file, knowingly or willfully misuses file data, or fails to correct inaccurate file data.

If you are a victim of identity theft and provide to a consumer credit reporting agency a copy of a valid police report or a valid investigative report made by a Department of Motor Vehicles investigator with peace officer status describing your circumstances, the following shall apply:

- (1) You have a right to have any information you list on the report as allegedly fraudulent promptly blocked so that the information cannot be reported. The information will be unblocked only if (A) the information you provide is a material misrepresentation of the facts, (B) you agree that the information is blocked in error, or (C) you knowingly obtained possession of goods, services, or moneys as result of the blocked transactions. If blocked information is unblocked, you will be promptly notified.
- (2) You have a right to receive, free of charge and upon request, one copy of your credit report each month for up to 12 consecutive months.

# Colorado Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You may obtain a security freeze on your consumer report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge, except as provided by law. You have a right to place a security freeze on your consumer report to prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer report without your express authorization or approval, except as the law allows.

You will not be initially charged to place a security freeze on your consumer report. However, you will be charged a fee of no more than ten dollars to temporarily lift the freeze for a period of time, to permanently remove the freeze from your consumer report, or when you make a subsequent request for a freeze to be placed on your consumer report. As well, you may be charged a fee of no more than twelve dollars to temporarily lift the freeze for a specific party.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your consumer report, within five business days you will be provided procedures for the temporary release of your consumer report to a specific party or parties or for a period of time after the security freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide the proper information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the consumer report or the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the consumer report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a security freeze on a consumer report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship, and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

You should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gains access to the personal and financial information in your consumer report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit at the point of sale. You should plan ahead and lift a security freeze either completely if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor a few days before actually applying for new credit.

You have the right to bring a civil action or submit to binding arbitration against a consumer reporting agency to enforce an obligation under the security freeze law after following specified dispute procedures and having received the necessary notice.

## Connecticut Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to obtain a copy of your credit file from a credit rating agency. You may be charged a reasonable fee not exceeding five dollars for your first request in twelve months or seven dollars and fifty cents for any subsequent request in that same twelve-month period. There is no fee, however, if you have been turned down for credit, employment, insurance or a rental dwelling because of information in your credit report within the preceding sixty days. The credit rating agency must provide someone to help you interpret the information in your credit file.

You have a right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the credit rating agency directly. However, neither you nor any credit repair company or credit service organization has the right to have accurate, current and verifiable information removed from your credit report. Under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the credit rating agency must remove accurate, negative information from your report only if it is over seven years old. Bankruptcy information can be reported for ten years.

If you have notified a credit rating agency in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your file, the credit rating agency must then, within thirty business days, reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. If you provide additional information to the credit rating agency, the agency may extend this time period by fifteen business days. The credit rating agency shall provide you with a toll-free telephone number to use in resolving the dispute.

The credit rating agency may not charge a fee for this service. Any pertinent information and copies of all documents you have concerning an error should be given to the credit rating agency.

If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a brief statement to the credit rating agency to keep in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The credit rating agency must include your statement about disputed information in a report it issues about you.

You have a right to receive a record of all inquiries relating to a credit transaction initiated in twelve months preceding your request which resulted in the provision of a credit report.

You may request in writing that the information contained in your file not be provided to a third party for marketing purposes.

If you have reviewed your credit report with the credit rating agency and are dissatisfied, you may contact the Connecticut Department of Banking. You have a right to bring civil action against anyone who knowingly or willfully misuses file data or improperly obtains access to your file.

# Delaware Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report for no more than ten dollars to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report pursuant to Delaware law. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval. You must separately request, by mail, that it be frozen by the three consumer reporting agencies and pay each a ten dollar fee to do so. After January 31, 2009, you will be able to request this freeze from the agencies by e-mail.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be sent a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity.
- 3. The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.
- 4. A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. By January 31, 2009, the consumer reporting agency must temporarily lift the freeze within 15 minutes of receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. Until January 31, 2009, you should lift the freeze at least 3 business days before applying, and after that date you should lift the freeze at least 15 minutes before applying for a new account.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency.

# District of Columbia Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

District of Columbia law gives you the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report. A security freeze restricts when a credit reporting agency may release information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.

A security freeze is designed to help prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To obtain a security freeze, you should contact each credit reporting agency. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, the credit reporting agency will send you a personal identification number or password to use if you later choose to lift the freeze from your credit report, or to authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties, or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the credit reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number or password provided by the credit reporting agency.
- 2. Verification of your identity.
- 3. Information regarding who may receive the credit report or the period of time for which the report shall be made available.

Upon receiving your proper request to lift temporarily a freeze from your credit report, the credit reporting agency shall comply within 3 business days. Beginning September 1, 2008, the credit reporting agency is required to provide methods, including web-based and telephonic methods, for you to request that the freeze be temporarily lifted within 15 minutes.

A security freeze does not apply when you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking credit, the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and consider lifting a freeze--either completely if you are shopping around, or for a specific creditor before actually applying for new credit. Beginning September 1, 2008, you will be able to have a credit reporting agency temporarily lift a freeze on your credit report within 15 minutes of your request.

You have a right to take legal action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a credit reporting agency or anyone who fraudulently caused the release of your credit information.

# Florida Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your consumer report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail to a consumer reporting agency. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent.

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT USING A SECURITY FREEZE TO CONTROL ACCESS TO THE PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN YOUR CONSUMER REPORT MAY DELAY, INTERFERE WITH, OR PROHIBIT THE TIMELY APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSEQUENT REQUEST OR APPLICATION YOU MAKE REGARDING A NEW LOAN, CREDIT, MORTGAGE, INSURANCE, GOVERNMENT SERVICES OR PAYMENTS, RENTAL HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, INVESTMENT, LICENSE, CELLULAR PHONE, UTILITIES, DIGITAL SIGNATURE, INTERNET CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION, OR OTHER SERVICES, INCLUDING AN EXTENSION OF CREDIT AT POINT OF SALE.

When you place a security freeze on your consumer report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your consumer report or authorize the release of your consumer report for a designated period of time after the security freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The personal identification number or password.
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity.
- 3. Information specifying the period of time for which the report shall be made available.
- 4. Payment of a fee authorized by this section.

A consumer reporting agency must authorize the release of your consumer report no later than 3 business days after receiving the above information.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have had an existing account, that requests information in your consumer report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

You have the right to bring a civil action against anyone, including a consumer reporting agency, who fails to comply with the provisions of s. 501.005, Florida Statutes, which governs the placing of a consumer report security freeze on your consumer report.

## Georgia Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail or by electronic means as provided by a consumer reporting agency. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze in advance of actually applying for new credit. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time after the freeze is in place.

To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The personal identification number or password.
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity.
- (3) The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available.

A consumer reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than fifteen (15) minutes after receiving the above information if the request is by electronic means or by telephone, or no later than three business days when a written request is submitted.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account, that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance. You have a right to bring civil action against anyone, including a consumer reporting agency, who improperly obtains access to a file, knowingly or willfully misuses file data, or fails to correct inaccurate file data. Unless you are a victim of identity theft with a police report or other official document acceptable to a consumer reporting agency to verify the crimes, or you are 65 or older, a consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you a fee of no more than \$3.00 to place a freeze on your credit report.

## **Indiana Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze**

UNDER IC 24-5-24, YOU MAY OBTAIN A SECURITY FREEZE ON YOUR CONSUMER REPORT TO PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY AND ENSURE THAT CREDIT IS NOT GRANTED IN YOUR NAME WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE. THE SECURITY FREEZE WILL PROHIBIT A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY FROM RELEASING ANY INFORMATION IN YOUR CONSUMER REPORT WITHOUT YOUR EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION OR APPROVAL. THE SECURITY FREEZE IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT CREDIT LOANS AND SERVICES FROM BEING APPROVED IN YOUR NAME WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT. WHEN YOU PLACE A SECURITY FREEZE ON YOUR CONSUMER REPORT, WITHIN TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS YOU WILL BE PROVIDED A PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER TO USE IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMOVE THE SECURITY FREEZE OR TO TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF YOUR CONSUMER REPORT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME OR TO A SPECIFIC PERSON AFTER THE SECURITY FREEZE IS IN PLACE. A SECURITY FREEZE DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS OR ENTITIES LISTED IN IC 24-5-24-11. IF YOU ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING CREDIT, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN LIFTING A SECURITY FREEZE MAY SLOW YOUR OWN APPLICATIONS FOR CREDIT. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST SOMEONE WHO VIOLATES YOUR RIGHTS UNDER IC 24-5-24.

## **Maryland Summary of Rights**

As a resident of the State of Maryland, you have the following rights as a consumer under the laws of the State of Maryland relating to consumer credit information. ☐ You have the right to request, in writing, that a consumer reporting agency restrict the sale or other transfer of information in your credit file to: 1) A mail-service organization; 2) A marketing firm; or 3) Any other similar organization that obtains information about a consumer for marketing purposes. ☐ You have a right, upon request and proper identification, to receive from a consumer reporting agency an exact copy of any consumer file on you, including a written explanation of codes or trade language used in the report. ☐ You have a right to receive disclosure of information in your consumer file during normal business hours: ☐ In person, upon furnishing proper identification. □ By telephone, if you make written request with proper identification, and toll charges, if any, are charged to you. ☐ In writing, if you make written request and furnish proper identification You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification, and the consumer reporting agency may require a written statement from you granting permission to discuss your consumer information in this person's presence. ☐ You have a right to dispute the completeness or accuracy of any item of information contained in your consumer file, and if you convey the dispute in writing, the consumer reporting agency will, within 30 days, reinvestigate and record the current status of that information, unless it has reasonable grounds to believe that the dispute is frivolous or irrelevant. If, after reinvestigation, the information you disputed is found to be inaccurate or cannot be verified, the consumer reporting agency will delete the information and mail you a written notice of the correction and will also mail to each person to whom erroneous information was furnished written notice of the correction. You will also be sent a written notice if the information you disputed is found to be accurate or is not verified. You have 60 days after receiving notice of correction or other findings to request in writing that the consumer reporting agency furnish you with the name, address, telephone number of each creditor contacted during its reinvestigation, and it will provide this information to you within 30 days after receiving your request. If the reinvestigation does not resolve your dispute, you may file with the consumer reporting agency a brief statement of not more than 100 words, setting forth the nature of your dispute. This statement will be placed on your consumer file, and in any subsequent report containing

the information you dispute, it will be clearly noted that the information has been disputed by you, and your statement or a clear and accurate summary of it will be provided with that report.

Following deletion of any information you disputed that is found to be inaccurate or could not be verified, at your request, the consumer reporting agency will furnish notification of the information deleted or your statement, or statement summary, to any person you designate who has received your report within the past two years for employment purposes, or within the past one year for any other purpose.

Under the law, you will not be charged for any of the information requested nor for our handling of the information you dispute, nor for the corrected reports resulting from our handling. Under the law, you may be charged a fee not exceed \$5 for a second or subsequent report requested by you during a 12-month period.

You have a right to file a complaint with the Commissioner of Consumer Credit, State of Maryland, if you have reason to believe that this law or any other law regulating consumer credit reporting has been violated, and the Commissioner will thoroughly inspect and investigate your complaint.

The name, address, and telephone number of the Commissioner of Consumer Credit is:

Mark Kaufman, Commissioner of Financial Regulation Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation 500 N. Calvert St., Suite 402 Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (410) 230-6077

### **NOTICE**

You have a right, under § 14-1212.1 of the Commercial Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to place a security freeze on your credit report. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing your credit report or any information derived from your credit report without your express authorization. The purpose of a security freeze is to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent.

You may elect to have a consumer reporting agency place a security freeze on your credit report by written request sent by certified mail or by electronic mail or the Internet if the consumer reporting agency provides a secure electronic connection. The consumer reporting agency must place a security freeze on your credit report within 3 business days after your request is received. Within 5 business days after a security freeze is placed on your credit report, you will be provided with a unique personal identification number or password to use if you want to remove the security freeze or temporarily lift the security freeze to release your credit report to a specific person or for a specific period of time. You also will receive information on the procedures for removing or temporarily lifting a security freeze.

If you want to temporarily lift the security freeze on your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (2) The proper identifying information to verify your identity; and

(3) The proper information regarding the person who is to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report is to be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency must comply with a request to temporarily lift a security freeze on a credit report within 3 business days after the request is received, or within 15 minutes for certain requests. A consumer reporting agency must comply with a request to remove a security freeze on a credit report within 3 business days after the request is received.

If you are actively seeking credit, you should be aware that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a security freeze, either completely if you are seeking credit from a number of sources, or just for a specific creditor if you are applying only to that creditor, a few days before actually applying for new credit.

A consumer reporting agency may charge a reasonable fee not exceeding \$5 for each placement, temporary lift, or removal of a security freeze. However, a consumer reporting agency may not charge any fee to a consumer who, at the time of a request to place, temporarily lift, or remove a security freeze, presents to the consumer reporting agency a police report of alleged identity fraud against the consumer or an identity theft passport.

A security freeze does not apply if you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

# Massachusetts Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

"You have a right to obtain a copy of your credit file from a consumer credit reporting agency. You may be charged a reasonable fee not exceeding eight dollars. There is no fee, however, if you have been turned down for credit, employment, insurance, or rental dwelling because of information in your credit report within the preceding sixty days. The consumer credit reporting agency must provide someone to help you interpret the information in your credit file. Each calendar year you are entitled to receive, upon request, one free consumer credit report.

You have a right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the consumer reporting agency directly, either in writing or by telephone. The consumer reporting agency shall provide, upon request and without unreasonable delay, a live representative of the consumer reporting agency to assist in dispute resolution whenever possible and practicable, or to the extent consistent with federal law. However, neither you nor any credit repair company or credit service organization has the right to have accurate, current, and verifiable information removed from your credit report. In most cases, under state and federal law, the consumer credit reporting agency must remove accurate, negative information from your report only if it is over seven years old, and must remove bankruptcy information only if it is over ten years old.

If you have notified a consumer credit reporting agency in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your file, the consumer credit reporting agency must then, within thirty business days, reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. The consumer credit reporting agency may not charge a fee for this service. Any pertinent information and copies of all documents you have concerning a dispute should be given to the consumer credit reporting agency.

If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a statement to the consumer credit reporting agency to keep in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The consumer credit reporting agency must include your statement about the disputed information in a report it issues about you.

You have a right to receive a record of all inquiries relating to a credit transaction initiated in the six months preceding your request, or two years in the case of a credit report used for employment purposes. This record shall include the recipients of any consumer credit report.

You have the right to opt out of any prescreening lists compiled by or with the assistance of a consumer Credit Reporting Company by calling the agency's toll-free telephone number or contacting the agency in writing. If you prefer not to receive pre-approved offers, please notify: Equifax Options, P.O. Box 740123, Atlanta, GA 30374-0123. Include your full name, complete address, Social Security number, daytime telephone number, and signature or you may call toll free: 1-800-711-2130. You may be entitled to collect compensation, in certain circumstances, if you are damaged by a person's negligent or intentional failure to comply with the provisions of the credit reporting act.

You have a right to request a "security freeze" on your consumer report. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer report without your express authorization. A security freeze shall be requested by sending a request either by certified mail, overnight mail or regular stamped mail to a consumer reporting agency, or as authorized by regulation. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans or services from being approved in your name without your consent. You should be aware that

using a security freeze may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, internet credit card transactions, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale.

When you place a security freeze on your consumer report, within 5 business days of receiving your request for a security freeze, the consumer reporting agency shall provide you with a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your consumer report or to authorize the release of your consumer report to a specific party or for a specified period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide the following:-

- (1) the personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (2) proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (3) the third party or parties who are to receive the consumer report or the specified period of time for which the report shall be available to authorized users of the consumer report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift a freeze on a consumer report shall comply with the request not later than 3 business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze shall not apply to a person or entity, or to its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account, that requests information relative to your consumer report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account, if you have previously given consent to the use of your consumer report. "Reviewing the account" includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

## Missouri Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer credit reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by mail or via other approved methods. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer credit reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The personal identification number or password;
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity;
- (3) The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available.

A consumer credit reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than fifteen minutes after receiving the above information, under certain circumstances.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account, that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

You have a right to bring civil action against anyone, including a consumer credit reporting agency, who improperly obtains access to a file, knowingly misuses file data, or fails to correct inaccurate file data.

## Montana Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS:**

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report pursuant to Montana law.

The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within 5 business days you will be provided a personal identification number, password, or other device to use if you choose to remove the security freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific party, parties, or period of time after the security freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you shall contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) the unique personal identification number, password, or other device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (2) the proper identification to verify your identity;
- (3) the proper information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report is to be available to users of the credit report; and (4) a fee, if applicable.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a security freeze on a credit report shall comply no later than 3 business days after receiving the request or, after January 31, 2009, within 15 minutes of receiving a request by telephone or through a secure electronic connection.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances in which you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action may be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

### **NEVADA SUMMARY OF RIGHTS**

### For Nevada Residents:

You have certain rights under Chapter 598C of the Nevada Revised Statutes, a summary of which is included below. You may have additional rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

"Consumer report" means any communication, written or oral, by a reporting agency regarding the payment history of a particular consumer, including information regarding credit worthiness, credit standing, or credit capacity, which is intended for present or future use in whole or in part to serve as a factor in determining the consumer's eligibility for credit or insurance to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes, purposes relating to employment, or any other purpose authorized pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

A reporting agency may furnish a consumer report concerning you for an extension of credit which you did not initiate only if the contemplated transaction represents a firm offer of credit to you and you meet specific criteria determined by the user, or you have not requested that your name and address be excluded from any list to be provided for such a purpose.

A person shall not procure a consumer report to resell or disclose the report or the information contained in the report unless the person discloses to the reporting agency which originally furnished the report the identity of the intended ultimate user of the report or information, and the only purposes for which the information will be used.

A reporting agency shall not include medical information in its files.

If a person takes adverse action against you based on a consumer report from a reporting agency, the person shall notify you of the action taken; furnish you with the name and address of the reporting agency; and inform you of your right to obtain a copy of the consumer report from the agency.

Upon receiving your request for disclosure, and information sufficient to identify you, a reporting agency shall clearly and accurately disclose to you the nature and substance of information in its files which relates to you at the time of the request, and disclose the names of the institutional sources of information. If you request, the reporting agency shall provide a readable copy of the consumer report, disclose the name of each person who has received from the reporting agency information concerning you within the preceding 2 years for purposes of employment, promotion, reassignment or retention as an employee; or within the preceding 6 months for any other purpose.

If you dispute the accuracy of the information contained in the files of the reporting agency, the reporting agency shall within 5 business days notify the institutional sources of the information, and as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than 30 days, complete a reinvestigation of the accuracy of the information unless the dispute is determined to be frivolous or irrelevant. If the reporting agency determines the dispute is frivolous or irrelevant, the reporting agency must notify you. If the reporting agency determines that the information is incorrect or cannot be verified, it shall correct its files and notify you. No deleted information shall be reinserted unless: (1) the person furnishing the information uses reasonable procedures to ensure the maximum possible accuracy of the information; and (2) the reporting agency

notifies you within 5 business days after the reinsertion and offers you the opportunity to add to your file your own brief statement disputing or adding to the information.

A reporting agency shall periodically purge from its files and after purging shall not disclose bankruptcies whose dates of adjudication precede the report by more than 10 years. A report of adjudication must include, if known, the chapter of Title 11 of the United States Code under which the case arose. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, a reporting agency shall also purge any other civil judgment, report of criminal proceedings, or other adverse information which precedes the report by more than 7 years.

You have a right to bring civil action against anyone who willfully or negligently fails to comply with any requirement imposed under the subtitle of Nevada state law outlined above.

### **Nevada Consumers Security Freeze Rights**

You have a right to place a security freeze in your file which will prohibit a reporting agency from releasing any information in your file without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail. The security freeze is designed to prevent a reporting agency from releasing your consumer report without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who is allowed access to the personal and financial information in your file may delay, interfere with or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular telephone, utilities, digital signature, Internet credit card transaction or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale. When you place a security freeze in your file, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the security freeze from your file or to authorize the temporary release of your consumer report for a specific person or period after the security freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the reporting agency and provide all the following:

- 1. Sufficient identification to verify your identity.
- 2. Your personal identification number or password provided by the reporting agency.
- 3. A statement that you choose to remove the security freeze from your file or that you authorize the reporting agency to temporarily release your consumer report. If you authorize the temporary release of your consumer report, you must name the person who is to receive your consumer report or the period for which your consumer report must be available.

A reporting agency must remove the security freeze from your file or authorize the temporary release of your consumer report not later than 3 business days after receiving the above information.

A security freeze does not apply to certain persons, including a person, or collection agencies acting on behalf of a person, with whom you have an existing account that requests information in your consumer report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account.

### NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSUMERS

# Right to Security Freeze on Consumer Credit Report

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to RSA 359-B:24. Under New Hampshire law, what is commonly known as a credit report is referred to as a "consumer report." A security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer report without your express authorization. The security freeze must be requested in writing, by certified mail.

You may obtain a security freeze on your consumer report at no charge if you are a victim of identity theft and you submit a copy of the police report, investigative report, or complaint that you filed with a law enforcement agency about unlawful use of your personal information by another person.

The consumer reporting agency may charge you a fee for the security freeze if you are not a victim of identity theft.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gains access to the personal and financial information in your consumer report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit atpoint of sale.

When you place a security freeze on your consumer report, within <u>10</u> business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your consumer report or authorize the release of your consumer report for a specific party or period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity.
- (3) The proper information regarding the third party who will receive the credit report or the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.
- (4) Payment of the applicable fee, if any.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a consumer report must comply with the request no later than 3 business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity with which you have an existing account that requests information in your consumer report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the accounts, provided the use of your credit report is for a permissible purpose as provided by the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

You have the right to bring a civil action against anyone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS: NEW HAMPSHIRE

# New Jersey Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

- You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to New Jersey law.
- The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.
- The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific party, parties or period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:
- (i) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (ii) Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (iii) The proper information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.
- A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days or less, as provided by regulation, after receiving the request.
- A security freeze does not apply to circumstances in which you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control or similar activities.
- If you are actively seeking credit, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor, a few days before actually applying for new credit.
  - You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

# New Mexico Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze or Submit a Declaration of Removal

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided with a personal identification number, password or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To remove the freeze or to provide authorization for the temporary release of your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) the unique personal identification number, password or similar device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (2) proper identification to verify your identity;
- (3) information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report may be released to users of the credit report; and (4) payment of a fee, if applicable.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. As of September 1, 2008, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the request within fifteen minutes of receiving the request by a secure electronic method or by telephone.

A security freeze does not apply in all circumstances, such as where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control or similar activities; for use in setting or adjusting an insurance rate or claim or insurance underwriting; for certain governmental purposes; and for purposes of prescreening as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. You should contact a consumer reporting agency and request it to lift the freeze at least three business days before applying. As of September 1, 2008, if you contact a consumer reporting agency by a secure electronic method or by telephone, the consumer reporting agency should lift the freeze within fifteen minutes. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

## New York Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PLACE A "SECURITY FREEZE" ON YOUR CREDIT REPORT, WHICH WILL PROHIBIT A CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY FROM RELEASING INFORMATION IN YOUR CREDIT REPORT WITHOUT YOUR EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION. A SECURITY FREEZE MUST BE REQUESTED IN WRITING DELIVERY CONFIRMATION REQUESTED OR VIA TELEPHONE, SECURE ELECTRONIC MEANS, OR OTHER METHODS DEVELOPED BY THE CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY. THE SECURITY FREEZE IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT CREDIT, LOANS, AND SERVICES FROM BEING APPROVED IN YOUR NAME WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT USING A SECURITY FREEZE TO TAKE CONTROL OVER WHO GETS ACCESS TO THE PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN YOUR CREDIT REPORT MAY DELAY, INTERFERE WITH, OR PROHIBIT THE TIMELY APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSEQUENT REQUEST OR APPLICATION YOU MAKE REGARDING A NEW LOAN, CREDIT, MORTGAGE, GOVERNMENT SERVICES OR PAYMENTS, INSURANCE, RENTAL HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, INVESTMENT, LICENSE, CELLULAR PHONE, UTILITIES, DIGITAL SIGNATURE, INTERNET CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION, OR OTHER SERVICES, INCLUDING AN EXTENSION OF CREDIT AT POINT OF SALE. WHEN YOU PLACE A SECURITY FREEZE ON YOUR CREDIT REPORT, YOU WILL BE PROVIDED A PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR PASSWORD TO USE IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMOVE THE FREEZE ON YOUR CREDIT REPORT OR AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF YOUR CREDIT REPORT TO A SPECIFIC PARTY OR FOR A PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE FREEZE IS IN PLACE. TO PROVIDE THAT AUTHORIZATION YOU MUST CONTACT THE CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY AND PROVIDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) THE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR PASSWORD;
- (2) PROPER IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY;
- (3) THE PROPER INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTY OR PARTIES WHO ARE TO RECEIVE THE CREDIT REPORT OR THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THE REPORT SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO USERS OF THE CREDIT REPORT; AND
- (4) PAYMENT OF ANY APPLICABLE FEE.
- A CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY MUST AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF YOUR CREDIT REPORT NO LATER THAN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE ABOVE INFORMATION. EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE, A CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A REQUEST VIA TELEPHONE OR SECURE ELECTRONIC METHOD SHALL RELEASE A CONSUMER'S CREDIT REPORT WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES WHEN THE REQUEST IS RECEIVED.
- A SECURITY FREEZE DOES NOT APPLY TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH YOU HAVE AN EXISTING ACCOUNT RELATIONSHIP AND A COPY OF YOUR REPORT IS REQUESTED BY YOUR EXISTING CREDITOR OR ITS AGENTS OR AFFILIATES FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF ACCOUNT REVIEW, COLLECTION, FRAUD CONTROL OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES.

IF YOU ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING CREDIT, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN LIFTING A SECURITY FREEZE MAY SLOW YOUR APPLICATION FOR CREDIT. YOU SHOULD PLAN AHEAD AND LIFT A FREEZE, EITHER COMPLETELY IF YOU ARE SHOPPING AROUND, OR SPECIFICALLY FOR A CERTAIN CREDITOR, BEFORE APPLYING FOR NEW CREDIT. WHEN SEEKING CREDIT OR PURSUING ANOTHER TRANSACTION REQUIRING ACCESS TO YOUR CREDIT REPORT, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RELINQUISH YOUR PIN OR PASSWORD TO THE CREDITOR OR BUSINESS; YOU CAN CONTACT THE CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY DIRECTLY. IF YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE OUT YOUR PIN OR PASSWORD TO THE CREDITOR OR BUSINESS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU OBTAIN A NEW PIN OR PASSWORD FROM THE CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY.

# North Carolina Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze.

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to North Carolina law. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze can be requested in writing by first-class mail, by telephone, or electronically. You also may request a freeze by calling the following toll-free telephone number(s): TransUnion: 888-909-8872, Experian: 888-397-3742, Equifax: 800-685-1111 (NY residents please call 1-800-349-9960). TransUnion, Experian and Equifax can also be reached at the following addresses:

TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<a href="https://freeze.transunion.com">https://freeze.transunion.com</a>

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.freeze.equifax.com

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gains access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, Internet credit card transactions, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale.

The freeze will be placed within three business days if you request it by mail, or within 24 hours if you request it by telephone or electronically. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within three business days, you will be sent a personal identification number or a password to use when you want to remove the security freeze, temporarily lift it, or lift it with respect to a particular third party.

A freeze does not apply when you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

You should plan ahead and lift a freeze if you are actively seeking credit or services as a security freeze may slow your applications, as mentioned above.

You can remove a freeze, temporarily lift a freeze, or lift a freeze with respect to a particular third party by contacting the consumer reporting agency and providing all of the following:

(1) Your personal identification number or password,

- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity, and
- (3) Proper information regarding the period of time you want your report available to users of the credit report, or the third party with respect to which you want to lift the freeze.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from you to temporarily lift a freeze or to lift a freeze with respect to a particular third party on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request by mail and no later than 15 minutes after receiving a request by telephone or electronically. A consumer reporting agency may charge you up to three dollars (\$3.00) to institute a freeze if your request is made by telephone or by mail. A consumer reporting agency may not charge you any amount to freeze, remove a freeze, temporarily lift a freeze, or lift a freeze with respect to a particular third party, if any of the following are true:

- (1) Your request is made electronically.
- (2) You are over the age of 62.
- (3) You are the victim of identity theft and have submitted a copy of a valid investigative or incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency about the unlawful use of your identifying information by another person, or you are the spouse of such a person.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

# North Dakota Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You may obtain a security freeze on your consumer credit file at no charge to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your consumer credit file pursuant to North Dakota law.

The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer credit file without your express authorization or approval.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit file, within five business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit file or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report or credit score for a specific party, parties, or period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity.
- 3. The proper information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request.

A consumer reporting agency may charge you up to five dollars each time you freeze or temporarily lift the freeze, except a consumer reporting agency may not charge any amount to a victim of identity theft who has submitted a copy of a valid investigative report or complaint to a law enforcement agency about the unlawful use of the victim's information by another person.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, or telephone account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze--either completely if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor--with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

# **Ohio Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze:**

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to Ohio law. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer credit reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the security freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the security freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer credit reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (a) Information generally considered sufficient to identify the consumer;
- (b) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer credit reporting agency;
- (c) The proper information regarding the third party who is to receive the consumer credit report or the time period for which the credit report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer credit reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a security freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request not later than fifteen minutes after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances in which you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking credit, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor, a few days before actually applying for new credit.

# Oklahoma Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, Internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer reporting agency by one of the methods that it requires, and provide all of the following:

- 1. The personal identification number or password;
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity;
- 3. The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available; and
- 4. The payment of the appropriate fee.

A consumer reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than three (3) business days after receiving all of the above items by any method that the consumer reporting agency allows.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

You have a right to bring civil action against anyone, including a consumer reporting agency who willfully or negligently fails to comply with any requirement of the Oklahoma Consumer Report Security Freeze Act.

A consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you up to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to place a freeze on your credit report, up to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to temporarily lift a freeze on your credit report, and up to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to remove a freeze from your credit report. However, you shall not be charged any fee if you are a victim of identity theft who has submitted, at the time the security freeze is requested, a copy of a valid investigative or incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency about the unlawful use of your identifying information by another person, or if you are sixty-five (65) years of age or older for the initial placement and removal of a security freeze.

## Rhode Island Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to the R.I.G.L. chapter 6-48 to the Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2006.

The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five (5) business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity.
- (3) The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three (3) business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of an account review, collection, fraud control or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze--either completely if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor--with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

Unless you are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or you are a victim of identity theft with an incident report or complaint from a law enforcement agency, a consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you up to ten dollars (\$10.00) to place a freeze on your credit report, up to ten dollars (\$10.00) to temporarily lift a freeze on your credit report, depending on the circumstances, and up to ten dollars (\$10.00) to remove a freeze from your credit report. If you are sixty-five (65) years of age or older or are a victim of identity theft with a valid incident report or complaint, you may not be charged a fee by a consumer reporting agency for placing, temporarily lifting, or removing a freeze.

# Tennessee Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail or by electronic means as provided by a consumer reporting agency. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, or telephone account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze in advance of actually applying for new credit. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The personal identification number or password;
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (3) The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available.

A consumer reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than fifteen (15) minutes after receiving the above information.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account, that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of fraud control, or reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance.

You should consider filing a complaint regarding your identity theft situation with the federal trade commission and the Tennessee department of commerce and insurance, division of consumer affairs, either in writing or via their websites.

You have a right to bring civil action against anyone, including a consumer reporting agency, who improperly obtains access to a file, misuses file data, or fails to correct inaccurate file data.

Unless you are a victim of identity theft with a police report, or other official document acceptable to a consumer reporting agency to verify the crimes, a consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you up to seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) to place a freeze on your credit report, but may not charge you to temporarily lift a freeze on your credit report. A consumer reporting agency may charge a consumer a reasonable fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) to permanently remove a security freeze, or to replace a personal identification number or password. A consumer reporting agency may increase these fees annually based on changes to a common measure of consumer prices. A consumer reporting agency may not charge a Tennessee consumer to place or permanently remove a security freeze if that Tennessee consumer is a victim of identity theft as defined in Tennessee law or federal law regarding identity theft and presents to the consumer reporting agency, at the time the request is made, a police report or other official document acceptable to the consumer reporting agency detailing the theft.

# Texas Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

Any written disclosure to a consumer by a consumer reporting agency under this chapter must include a written statement that explains in clear and simple language the consumer's rights under this chapter, such as the process for receiving a consumer report or consumer file, the process for requesting or removing a security alert or freeze, the toll-free telephone number for requesting a security alert, applicable fees, dispute procedures, the process for correcting a consumer file or report, and information on a consumer's right to bring an action in court or arbitrate a dispute

## **Notification of Rights for Texas Consumers**

The Texas Business and Commerce Code requires that consumer reporting agencies provide Texas consumers notice of their rights with any written disclosure.

- You have the right to obtain a copy of your background report from AppFolio, Inc. by completing a form online at <a href="www.appfolio.com/consumer">www.appfolio.com/consumer</a>, by emailing consumer.relations@appfolio.com, by calling (866) 359-3630, or by writing to us at 50 Castilian Drive, Goleta, CA 93117. If you write to us, always include your full name including middle initial (and generation such as JR, SR, II, Ill); full current mailing address; date of birth (month/date/year); Social Security Number; and a phone number where you can be contacted. Please include one copy of a government issued identification card (driver's license, state ID card, military ID card, etc.) and one copy of a recent utility bill, bank or insurance statement, etc. Ensure that each copy is legible, displays your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. Please send copies of any documents you wish to provide to us and always retain your original documents. AppFolio, Inc. may request additional documentation to verify your identity.
- You have the right to dispute information in your background report that you do not recognize or that you believe is inaccurate. You may request an investigation of the disputed item online by completing a form <a href="www.appfolio.com/consumer">www.appfolio.com/consumer</a>, by emailing consumer.relations@appfolio.com, by calling (866) 359-3630, or by writing to us at 50 Castilian Drive, Goleta, CA 93117. Please specify what information you believe to be inaccurate and the reason why you believe the information may be inaccurate. AppFolio, Inc. will conduct a thorough investigation within 30 days and then notify the consumer of the results of the investigation. If additional information is received from the consumer that is relevant to the investigation during the 30 day timeframe, an additional 15 days may be taken. Only inaccurate information may be removed from your file.
- You have a right to place a fraud security alert statement on your credit report that alerts anyone who reviews your credit information that your identity may have been used without your consent and requests that the reviewer verify your identity before issuing credit.
- You also have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization, except to those with whom you have an existing account or a collection agency acting on behalf of the existing account, for purposes of reviewing (account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases and account upgrades and enhancements) or collecting the account. Your information may be used for the purposes of prescreening as

provided for by the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, even if a security freeze is on the report. A security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent; however, using a security freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent requests or applications regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, Internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale.

• In order to request or remove a fraud security alert or freeze, you will need to contact one of the three credit reporting agencies listed below:

### Experian

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 (888) 397-3742 www.experian.com

# Equifax

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 (800) 685-1111 www.equifax.com

### Trans Union

P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834 (877) 680-7289 www.transunion.com

• The credit reporting agencies establish the fees associated with initiating and removing security freezes and alerts. If you have any questions about contacting any of these credit reporting agencies, you can contact AppFolio, Inc. Consumer Relations Team at (866) 359-3630 for assistance.

Texas consumers have a right to file action in court to enforce an obligation of a consumer reporting agency. In the alternative, if agreed to by both parties, after the consumer has followed the normal dispute procedures and received a notice of the results of the investigation, the matter may be submitted to binding arbitration in the manner provided by the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

#### NOTICE TO VERMONT CONSUMERS

(1) Under Vermont law, you are allowed to receive one free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each credit reporting agency. If you would like to obtain your free credit report from AppFolio, Inc., you should contact us by calling the following toll-free telephone number(s): TransUnion: 888-909-8872, Experian: 888-397-3742, Equifax: 800-685-1111 (NY residents please call 1-800-349-9960). TransUnion, Experian and Equifax can also be reached at the following addresses:

TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<a href="https://freeze.transunion.com">https://freeze.transunion.com</a>

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.freeze.equifax.com

- (2) Under Vermont law, no one may access your credit report without your permission except under the following limited circumstances:
  - (A) in response to a court order;
  - (B) for direct mail offers of credit;
  - (C) if you have given ongoing permission and you have an existing relationship with the person requesting a copy of your credit report;
  - (D) where the request for a credit report is related to an education loan made, guaranteed, or serviced by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation;
  - (E) where the request for a credit report is by the Office of Child Support when investigating a child support case;
  - (F) where the request for a credit report is related to a credit transaction entered into prior to January 1, 1993; or
  - (G) where the request for a credit report is by the Vermont Department of Taxes and is used for the purpose of collecting or investigating delinquent taxes.
- (3) If you believe a law regulating consumer credit reporting has been violated, you may file a complaint with the Vermont Attorney General's Consumer Assistance Program, 104 Morrill Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05405, Telephone number: (800) 649-2424 or in Cliffenden County, (800) 656-3183.

## Vermont Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 2480h at no charge. The security freeze will prohibit a credit reporting agency from releasing any

- information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail.
- The security freeze is designed to help prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gains access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, Internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale.
- When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within ten business days you will be provided a personal identification number, password, or other equally or more secure method of authentication to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a specific party, parties or period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the credit reporting agency and provide all of the following:
- (1) The unique personal identification number, password, or other method of authentication provided by the credit reporting agency.
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity.
- (3) The proper information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.
- A credit reporting agency may not charge a fee to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a specific party, parties, or period of time after the freeze is in place.
- A credit reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request.
- A security freeze will not apply to "preauthorized approvals of credit." If you want to stop receiving preauthorized approvals of credit, you should email consumer.relations@appfolio.com, call (866) 359-3630, or write to us at 50 Castilian Drive, Goleta, CA 93117.
- A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account, provided you have previously given your consent to this use of your credit reports. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a credit reporting agency or a user of your credit report."

## Virginia Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, Internet credit card transaction, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time or for a specific party after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The personal identification number or password;
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- 3. The proper information regarding the period of time or the specific party for which the report shall be available.

A consumer reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than three business days after receiving the above information. After September 1, 2008, a consumer credit reporting agency must authorize the release of your credit report no later than 15 minutes after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account, that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

You have a right to bring civil action against anyone, including a consumer reporting agency, who improperly obtains access to a file, knowingly or willfully misuses file data, or fails to correct inaccurate file data.

Unless you are a victim of identity theft with a police report to verify the crimes, a consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you up to \$10 to place a freeze on your credit report.

# STATE OF WASHINGTON CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING ACT SUMMARY OF CONSUMER RIGHTS

The State of Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act (WFCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records).

Here is a summary of your major rights under the WFCRA. The WFCRA is modeled after the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The same rights are provided under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and you have received A Summary of Your Rights Under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can get the complete text of WFCRA RCW 19.182, from the Washington Code Revisers Office, P.O. Box 40551, Olympia, WA, 98504, or online at <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.Gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=19.182&full=true#19.182.070">http://apps.leg.wa.Gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=19.182&full=true#19.182.070</a>.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you. If a person takes an adverse action against you that is based, in whole or in part, on information contained in a consumer report, that person must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and telephone number of the consumer reporting agency that provided the information.
- You have a right to know what is in your file. You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency, although medical information may be withheld and given directly to your medical provider. You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You will not be charged for:
  - ② a consumer report if a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - ① the reinvestigation of information you dispute; or
- © corrected reports resulting from the deletion of inaccurate or unverifiable information. In addition, you are entitled to one free consumer report every 12 months, upon request. You may be charged a limited fee for a second or subsequent report requested by you during a 12 month period.
- You have a right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and you notify the consumer reporting agency directly of the dispute, the consumer reporting agency will reinvestigate without charge and record the current status of the disputed information before the end of thirty business days, unless your dispute is frivolous.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. Upon completion of the reinvestigation, if the information you disputed is found to be inaccurate or cannot be verified, the consumer reporting agency will delete the information and notify you of the correction. If the reinvestigation does not resolve your dispute, you may file with the consumer reporting agency a brief statement setting forth the nature of your dispute. The statement will be placed in your consumer file and in any subsequent report containing the information you disputed.

- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information. In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than ten years old.
- Access to your file is limited. A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The WFCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- You must be notified if reports are provided to employers. A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to employers without your knowledge. A potential employer must make a clear and conspicuous disclosure in writing to you or obtain your consent before obtaining a report. A current employer may not receive a report unless it has given you written notice that consumer reports may be used for employment purposes.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. You may elect not to receive unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance by using the consumer reporting agency's notification system to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).

You may place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze prevents your credit file from being shared with potential creditors or insurance companies. You may request a security freeze by contacting us at A security freeze can be requested in writing by first-class mail, by telephone, or electronically. You also may request a freeze by calling the following toll-free telephone number(s): TransUnion: 888-909-8872, Experian: 888-397-3742, Equifax: 800-685-1111 (NY residents please call 1-800-349-9960). TransUnion, Experian and Equifax can also be reached at the following addresses:

TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 https://freeze.transunion.com

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.freeze.equifax.com

• You may be able to block information resulting from identity theft from appearing on your credit report. If you are a victim of identity theft, a consumer reporting agency must permanently block misinformation resulting from that theft from appearing on your credit report. You must provide the consumer reporting agency with a copy of a police report as evidence of your claim before it can place the block on your report.

• You may seek damages from violators. If a consumer reporting agency, or in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the WFCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.

### **COMPLAINTS**

Any complaints by consumers under state law may be directed to:
Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000
Seattle, Washington 98104-3188
Phone 1-800-551-4636 or (206) 464-6684
Fax (206) 389-2801

Statewide Toll-Free TDD: 800 276-9883

Complaints May Be Made Via U.S. Mail or E-Mail

**Complaints:** http://www.atg.wa.gov/FileAComplaint.aspx

(Include your U.S. Mail address with any complaint.)

Website & Forms: http://www.atg.wa.gov/

# West Virginia consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report pursuant to West Virginia law.

The security freeze will prohibit a consumer-reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five business days you will be provided a unique personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the distribution of your credit report for a period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer-reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer-reporting agency;
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (3) The period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer-reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances in which you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking credit, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, a few days before actually applying for new credit.

You have the right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer-reporting agency.

### Wisconsin Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze

You have a right to include a "security freeze" with your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report in connection with a credit transaction without your express authorization. A security freeze must be requested in writing by certified mail or by any other means provided by a consumer reporting agency. The security freeze is designed to prevent an extension of credit, such as a loan, from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a loan, credit, mortgage, or Internet credit card transaction, including an extension of credit at point of sale.

When you request a security freeze for your credit report, you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the security freeze from your credit report or authorize the release of your credit report for a period of time after the security freeze is in place. To provide that authorization you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) The personal identification number or password.
- (2) Proper identification to verify your identity.
- (3) The period of time for which the report shall be made available.
- (4) Payment of the appropriate fee.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of a person, with which you have an existing account, that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

Unless you are a victim of identity theft with a police report to verify the crime, a consumer reporting agency has the right to charge you no more than \$ 10 to include a security freeze with your credit report, no more than \$ 10 to authorize release of a report that includes a security freeze, and no more than \$ 10 to remove a security freeze from your credit report.