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**REP. VICKI TRUITT SENDS
PAY DAY AND AUTO TITLE LOANS OUT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Austin—Today, state Rep. Vicki Truitt (R-Keller) passed out of committee a package of three bills (CSHB 2554, CSHB 2593, and CSHB 2592) designed to regulate payday and auto title loans. With bipartisan, unanimous consent coming from the members of the House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services (PIFS), the legislator says the three bills will rein in the out of control businesses who offer unregulated, short-term lending.

"With these bills, the days of anything goes, anywhere, anytime, are over. We're putting the clamps on lenders. Borrowers need a method to end the "cycle of debt" in which they find themselves bound in a form of financial slavery." said Truitt, who chairs PIFS committee in the House.

Truitt described that more than 40 hours of intense negotiations went in to crafting these bills. She said that, at her request, consumer advocates and industry representatives have diligently worked to come to terms that everyone could live with. "I applaud and appreciate the efforts of all the stakeholders and their work with professional negotiators," stated Truitt. She continued, "We're creating a new book of rules and regulations under which lenders have to operate. The lenders will be called "Credit Access Businesses" (CABs). And the CABs will be regulated by the state's Finance Commission and the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner." The package of bills creates regulation and oversight of the industry, defines products, and sets standards for customer disclosures.

CABs will be required to register with the state, comply with standards of operation, commit to transparency in terms and fees, limit the number of renewals depending on the type and length of loans, required to accept partial payment of principle, and offer a principal pay down plan that frees the borrower from the endless renewal fees that trap them in a cycle of debt. They will also be undertaking steps to help educate consumers regarding consumer credit options, financial education, and asset building opportunities. HB 2593 bill also protect consumers by limiting loan amounts based on their ability to repay.

Representative Vicki Truitt is a seventh term legislator from Tarrant County representing Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake, Keller, Westlake, and parts of Trophy Club and Fort Worth. She is Chair of the House Committee on Pensions, Investments and Financial Services, and is a member of the House Committees on Calendars and Public Health.

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