## **HOUSE BILL 1079**

## By Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 45; Title 47 and Title 67, relative to financial transactions and instruments.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-22-104(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and by substituting instead the following:

(c) A person aggrieved by a violation of this section shall be entitled to institute an action to recover such person's actual damages or five hundred dollars (\$500), whichever is greater. Such action shall be brought in the general sessions or circuit court, whichever is appropriate, of the county wherein the defendant resides or has a place of business. In the event the aggrieved party prevails, such party may be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in addition to any damages awarded.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.