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§ 3-801. Drafts in a set

(1) Where a draft is drawn in a set of parts, each of which is numbered and expressed to be an order only if no other party has been honored, the whole of the parts constitutes one draft but a taker of any part may become a holder in due course of the draft.

(2) Any person who negotiates, indorses or accepts a single part of a draft drawn in a set thereby becomes liable to any holder in due course of that part as if it were the whole set, but as between different holders in due course to whom different parts have been negotiated, the holder whose title first accrues has all rights to the draft and its proceeds.

(3) As against the drawee the first presented part of a draft drawn in a set is the part entitled to payment, or if a time draft to acceptance and payment. Acceptance of any subsequently presented part renders the drawee liable thereon under subsection (2). With respect both to a holder and to the drawer, payment of a subsequently presented part of a draft payable at sight has the same effect as payment of a check notwithstanding an effective stop order (section 4-407).

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, where any part of a draft in a set is discharged by payment or otherwise the whole draft is discharged.

1963, c. 362, § 1.

§ 3-802. Effect of instrument on obligation for which it is given

(1) Unless otherwise agreed, where an instrument is taken for an underlying obligation

(a) The obligation is pro tanto discharged if a bank is drawer, maker or acceptor of the instrument and there is no

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recourse on the instrument against the underlying obligor;
and

(b) In any other case the obligation is suspended pro tanto until the instrument is due or if it is payable on demand until its presentment. If the instrument is dishonored, action may be maintained on either the instrument or the obligation; discharge of the underlying obligor on the instrument also discharges him on the obligation.

(2) The taking in good faith of a check which is not post-dated does not of itself so extend the time on the original obligation as to discharge a surety.

1963, c. 362, § 1.

§ 3-803. Notice to third party

Where a defendant receives notice that he is being sued for breach of an obligation for which a third person is answerable over under this Article, he may give the third person written notice of the obligation, and the person notified may then give similar notice to any other person who is answerable over to him under this Article. If the notice states that the person notified may come in and defend and that if the person notified does not do so he will in any action against him by the person giving the notice be bound by any determination of fact common to the 2 litigations, then unless after seasonable receipt of the notice the person notified does come in and defend, he is so bound.

1963, c. 362, § 1.

§ 3-804. Lost, destroyed or stolen instruments

The owner of an instrument which is lost, whether by destruction, theft or otherwise, may maintain an action in his own name and recover from any party liable thereon upon due proof of his ownership, the facts which prevent his production of the instrument and its terms. The court may require security indemnifying the defendant against loss by reason of further claims on the instrument.

1963, c. 362, § 1.

§ 3-805. Instruments not payable to order or to bearer

This Article applies to any instrument whose terms do not preclude transfer and which is otherwise negotiable within this Article but which is not payable to order or to bearer, except that there can be no holder in due course of such an instrument.

1963, c. 362, § 1.