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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 129, L.D. 381, Bill, "An Act to Enact a New Article on Negotiable Instruments in and to Make Necessary Conforming Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code"

18 Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1104.</u>" in subsection (6) by striking out all of 20 paragraph (b) (page 9, lines 2 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'(b) A cashier's check or teller's check.

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An instrument may be a check even though it is described on its 26 face by another term, such as "money order." '

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1107.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 18, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "than [sic]" and inserting in its place the following: 'that'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1204.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in the 2nd paragraph in the 6th line from the end (page 43, line 50 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "identify [sic]" and inserting in its place the following: 'identity'

40 Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1302.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in
42 subsection 3 in the 11th line from the end (page 54, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "negotiatior" and inserting
44 in its place the following: 'negotiation'

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Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1302.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 4 in the 2nd paragraph in the 3rd line (page 54, line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "N.I.L.." and inserting in its place the following: 'N.I.L.'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>§3-1311.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 4 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 85, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection (1)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (1)(a)]'

14 Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1311.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in 16 subsection 4 in the 2nd paragraph in the 3rd line (page 85, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection (1)]" 18 and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (1)(b)]' and in the 2nd line from the end (page 85, line 34 in L.D.) by 20 striking out the following: "[subsection (1)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (1)]'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 by inserting 24 before the following: "<u>PART 4</u>" the following:

- 26 '<u>§3-1312. Lost, destroyed, or stolen cashier's check, teller's</u> <u>check, or certified check</u>
- (1) In this section, the following terms have the following30 meanings.
 - <u>(a) "Check" means a cashier's check, teller's check or certified check.</u>

(b) "Claimant" means a person who claims the right to receive the amount of a cashier's check, teller's check or certified check that was lost, destroyed or stolen.

(c) "Declaration of loss" means a written statement, made under penalty of perjury, to the effect that:

42 (i) The declarer lost possession of a check;
44 (ii) The declarer is the drawer or payee of the check, in the case of a certified check, or the remitter or payee of the check, in the case of a cashier's check or teller's check;

<u>(iii) The loss of possession was not the result of a transfer by the declarer or a lawful seizure; and</u>

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(iv) The declarer can not reasonably obtain possession of the check because the check was destroyed, its 2 whereabouts can not be determined or it is in the wrongful possession of an unknown person or a person 4 that can not be found or is not amenable to service of 6 process. 8 (d) "Obligated bank" means the issuer of a cashier's check or teller's check or the acceptor of a certified check. 10 (2) A claimant may assert a claim to the amount of a check by a communication to the obligated bank describing the check 12 with reasonable certainty and requesting payment of the amount of the check, if: 14 16 (a) The claimant is the drawer or payee of a certified check or the remitter or payee of a cashier's check or teller's check; 18 20 (b) The communication contains or is accompanied by a declaration of loss of the claimant with respect to the 22 check; (c) The communication is received at a time and in a manner 24 affording the bank a reasonable time to act on it before the 26 check is paid; and (d) The claimant provides reasonable identification if 28 requested by the obligated bank. Delivery of a declaration of loss is a warranty of the truth of the statements made in 30 the declaration. 32 (3) If a claim is asserted in compliance with subsection (2), the following rules apply. 34 (a) The claim becomes enforceable at the later of: 36 (i) The time the claim is asserted; or 38 40 (ii) The 90th day following the date of the check, in the case of a cashier's check or teller's check, or the 42 90th day following the date of the acceptance, in the case of a certified check. 44 (b) Until the claim becomes enforceable, it has no legal effect and the obligated bank may pay the check or, in the 46 case of a teller's check, may permit the drawee to pay the 48 check. Payment to a person entitled to enforce the check discharges all liability of the obligated bank with respect to the check. 50

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(c) If the claim becomes enforceable before the check is presented for payment, the obligated bank is not obliged to pay the check.
(d) When the claim becomes enforceable, the obligated bank becomes obliged to pay the amount of the check to the claimant if payment of the check has not been made to a person entitled to enforce the check. Subject to section 4-302, subsection (1), paragraph (a), payment to the claimant discharges all liability of the obligated bank with respect to the check.

(4) If the obligated bank pays the amount of a check to a claimant under subsection (3), paragraph (d) and the check is presented for payment by a person having rights of a holder in due course, the claimant is obliged to:

(a) Refund the payment to the obligated bank if the check is paid; or

(b) Pay the amount of the check to the person having rights of a holder in due course if the check is dishonored.

(5) If a claimant has the right to assert a claim under
 subsection (2) and is also a person entitled to enforce a cashier's check, teller's check or certified check that is lost,
 destroyed or stolen, the claimant may assert rights with respect to the check either under this section or section 3-1309.

Uniform Commercial Code Comment

34 This section applies to cases in which a cashier's 1. check, teller's check, or certified check is lost, destroyed, or 36 stolen. In one typical case a customer of a bank closes his or her account and takes a cashier's check or teller's check of the bank as payment of the amount of the account. The customer may 38 be moving to a new area and the check is to be used to open a 40 bank account in that area. In such a case the check will normally be payable to the customer. In another typical case a 42 cashier's check or teller's check is bought from a bank for the purpose of paying some obligation of the buyer of the check. In 44 such a case the check may be made payable to the customer and then negotiated to the creditor by indorsement. But often, the payee of the check is the creditor. In the latter case the 46 customer is a remitter. The section covers loss of the check by 48 either the remitter or the payee. The section also covers loss of a certified check by either the drawer or payee.

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Under Section 3-309 [section 3-1309] a person seeking to 2 enforce a lost, destroyed, or stolen cashier's check or teller's check may be required by the court to give adequate protection to the issuing bank against loss that might occur by reason of the 4 claim by another person to enforce the check. This might require the posting of an expensive bond for the amount of the check. Moreover, Section 3-309 [section 3-1309] applies only to a person entitled to enforce the check. It does not apply to a remitter of a cashier's check or teller's check or to the drawer of a certified check. Section 3-312 [section 3-1312] applies to both. The purpose of Section 3-312 [section 3-1312] is to offer 12 a person who loses such a check a means of getting refund of the amount of the check within a reasonable period of time without the expense of posting a bond and with full protection of the obligated bank.

A claim to the amount of a lost, destroyed, or stolen 2. 18 cashier's check, teller's check, or certified check may be made subsection (b) [subsection (2)] the under if following 20 requirements of that subsection are met. First, a claim may be asserted only by the drawer or payee of a certified check or the remitter or payee of a cashier's check or teller's check. 22 An indorsee of a check is not covered because the indorsee is not an 24 original party to the check or a remitter. Limitation to an original party or remitter gives the obligated bank the ability to determine, at the time it becomes obligated on the check, the 26 identity of the person or persons who can assert a claim with respect to the check. The bank is not faced with having to 28 determine the rights of some person who was not a party to the 30 check at that time or with whom the bank had not dealt. If a cashier's check is issued to the order of the person who 32 purchased it from the bank and that person indorses it over to a third person who loses the check, the third person may assert 34 rights to enforce the check under Section 3-309 [section 3-1309] but has no rights under Section 3-312 [section 3-1312]. 36

Second, the claim must be asserted by a communication to the 38 obligated bank describing the check with reasonable certainty and requesting payment of the amount of the check. "Obligated bank" 40 is defined in subsection (a)(4) [subsection (1)(d)]. Third, the communication must be received in time to allow the obligated bank to act on the claim before the check is paid, and the 42 claimant must provide reasonable identification if requested. 44 Subsection (b)(iii) and (iv) [subsection (2)(c) and (d)]. Fourth, the communication must contain or be accompanied by a declaration of loss described in subsection (b) [subsection 46 This declaration is an affidavit or other writing made (2)1.48 under penalty of perjury alleging the loss, destruction, or theft of the check and stating that the declarer is a person entitled

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to assert a claim, i.e. the drawer or payee of a certified check or the remitter or payee of a cashier's check or teller's check.

A claimant who delivers a declaration of loss makes a warranty of the truth of the statements made in the declaration.
The warranty is made to the obligated bank and anybody who has a right to enforce the check. If the declaration of loss falsely
alleges loss of a cashier's check that did not in fact occur, a holder of the check who was unable to obtain payment because
subsection (b)(3) and (4) [subsection (3)(c) and (d)] caused the obligated bank to dishonor the check would have a cause of action
against the declarer for breach of warranty.

14 The obligated bank may not impose additional requirements on the claimant to assert a claim under subsection (b) [subsection (2)]. For example, the obligated bank may not require the posting of a bond or other form of security. Section 3-312(b) 18 [section 3-1312(2)] states the procedure for asserting claims covered by the section. Thus, procedures that may be stated in 20 other law for stating claims to property do not apply and are displaced within the meaning of Section 1-103.

A claim asserted under subsection (b) [subsection (2)] з. does not have any legal effect, however, until the date it 24 becomes enforceable, which cannot be earlier than 90 days after 26 the date of a cashier's check or teller's check or 90 days after the date of acceptance of a certified check. Thus, if a lost 28 check is presented for payment within the 90-day period, the bank may pay a person entitled to enforce the check without regard to the claim and is discharged of all liability with respect to the 30 This ensures the continued utility of cashier's checks, check. 32 teller's checks, and certified checks as cash equivalents. Virtually all such checks are presented for payment within 90 34 days.

36 If the claim becomes enforceable and payment has not been made to a person entitled to enforce the check, the bank becomes 38 obligated to pay the amount of the check to the claimant. Subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)]. When the bank becomes 40 obligated to pay the amount of the check to the claimant, the bank is relieved of its obligation to pay the check. Subsection 42 (b)(3) [subsection (3)(c)]. Thus, any person entitled to enforce the check, including even a holder in due course, loses the right 44 to enforce the check after a claim under subsection (b) [subsection (2)] becomes enforceable. 46

If the obligated bank pays the claimant under subsection 48 (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)], the bank is discharged of all liability with respect to the check. The only exception is the 50 unlikely case in which the obligated bank subsequently incurs

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liability under Section 4-302 (a)(1) [section 4-302(1)(a)] with respect to the check. For example, Obligated Bank is the issuer of a cashier's check and, after a claim becomes enforceable, it pays the claimant under subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)]. Later the check is presented to Obligated Bank for payment over the counter. Under subsection (b)(3) [subsection (3)(c)], Obligated Bank is not obliged to pay the check and may dishonor the check by returning it to the person who presented it for But the normal rules of check collection are not payment. affected by Section 3-312 [section 3-1312]. If Obligated Bank retains the check beyond midnight of the day of presentment without settling for it, it becomes accountable for the amount of the check under Section 4-302 (a)(1) [section 4-302(1)(a)] even though it had no obligation to pay the check.

16 An obligated bank that pays the amount of a check to a claimant under subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)] is discharged of all liability on the check so long as the assertion 18 of the claim meets the requirements of subsection (b) [subsection 20 (2)] discussed in Comment 2. This is important in cases of fraudulent declarations of loss. For example, if the claimant 22 falsely alleges a loss that in fact did not occur, the bank, subject to Section 1-203, may rely on the declaration of loss. On the other hand, a claim may be asserted only by a person 24 described in subsection (b)(i) [subsection (2)(a)]. Thus, the bank is discharged under subsection (a)(4) [subsection (l)(d); 26 probably should be subsection (3)(d)] only if it pays such a 28 person. Although it is highly unlikely, it is possible that more than one person could assert a claim under subsection (b) 30 [subsection (2)] to the amount of a check. Such a case could occur if one of the claimants makes a false declaration of loss. 32 The obligated bank is not required to determine whether a claimant who complies with subsection (b) [subsection (2)] is 34 acting wrongfully. The bank may utilize procedures outside this Article, such as interpleader, under which the conflicting claims 36 may be adjudicated.

Although it is unlikely that a lost check would be presented for payment after the claimant was paid by the bank under subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)], it is possible for it to happen. Suppose the declaration of loss by the claimant fraudulently alleged a loss that in fact did not occur. If the claimant negotiated the check, presentment for payment would occur shortly after negotiation in almost all cases. Thus, a fraudulent declaration of loss is not likely to occur unless the check is negotiated after the 90-day period has already expired or shortly before expiration. In such a case the holder of the check, who may not have noticed the date of the check, is not entitled to payment from the obligated bank if the check is presented for payment after the claim becomes enforceable.

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Subsection (b)(3) [subsection (3)(c)]. The remedy of the holder who is denied payment in that case is an action against the claimant under subsection (c) [subsection (4)] if the holder is a holder in due course, or for breach of warranty under subsection (b) [subsection (2)]. The holder would also have common law remedies against the claimant under the law of restitution or fraud.

4. The following cases illustrate the operation of Section 3-312 [section 3-1312]:

12 Case #1. Obligated Bank (OB) certified a check drawn by its customer, Drawer (D), payable to Payee (P). Two days after the check was certified, D lost the check and then asserted a claim 14 pursuant to subsection (b) [subsection (2)]. The check had not been presented for payment when D's claim became enforceable 90 16 days after the check was certified. Under subsection (b)(4) 18 [subsection (3)(d)], at the time D's claim became enforceable OB became obliged to pay D the amount of the check. If the check is 20 later presented for payment, OB may refuse to pay the check and has no obligation to anyone to pay the check. Any obligation owed by D to P, for which the check was intended as payment, is 22 unaffected because the check was never delivered to P.

Obligated Bank (OB) issued a teller's check to <u>Case #2.</u> 26 Remitter (R) payable to Payee (P). R delivered the check to P in payment of an obligation. P lost the check and then asserted a 28 claim pursuant to subsection (b) [subsection (2)]. To carry out P's order, OB issued an order pursuant to Section 4-403(a) [section 4-403(1)] to the drawee of the teller's check to stop 30 payment of the check effective on the 90th day after the date of 32 the teller's check. The check was not presented for payment. 0n' the 90th day after the date of the teller's check P's claim 34 becomes enforceable and OB becomes obliged to pay P the amount of the check. As in Case #1, OB has no further liability with 36 respect to the check to anyone. When R delivered the check to P, R's underlying obligation to P was discharged under Section 3-310 38 [section 3-1310]. Thus, R suffered no loss. Since P received the amount of the check, P also suffered no loss except with 40 respect to the delay in receiving the amount of the check.

42 <u>Case #3.</u> Obligated Bank (OB) issued a cashier's check to its customer, Payee (P). Two days after issue, the check was
44 stolen from P who then asserted a claim pursuant to subsection (b) [subsection (2)]. Ten days after issue, the check was
46 deposited by X in an account in Depositary Bank (DB). X had found the check and forged the indorsement of P. DB promptly
48 presented the check to OB and obtained payment on behalf of X. On the 90th day after the date of the check P's claim becomes
50 enforceable and P is entitled to receive the amount of the check

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Subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)]. Although the from OB. check was presented for payment before P's claim became enforceable, OB is not discharged. Because of the forged indorsement X was not a holder and neither was DB. Thus, neither is a person entitled to enforce the check (Section 3-301 [section 3-1301]) and OB is not discharged under Section 3-602(a) [section Thus, under subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)], 3-1602(1)].because OB did not pay a person entitled to enforce the check, OB must pay P. OB's remedy is against DB for breach of warranty under Section 4-208(a)(1) [section 4-207-B(1)(a)]. As an alternative to the remedy under Section 3-312 [section 3-1312], P could recover from DB for conversion under Section 3-420(a) [section 3-1420(1)].

Case #4. Obligated Bank (OB) issued a cashier's check to P made an unrestricted blank 16 its Payee (P). customer, indorsement of the check and mailed the check to P's bank for 18 deposit to P's account. The check was never received by P's bank. When P discovered the loss, P asserted a claim pursuant to 20 subsection (b) [subsection (2)]. X found the check and deposited it in X's account in Depositary Bank (DB) after indorsing the check. DB presented the check for payment before the end of the 22 90-day period after its date. OB paid the check. Because of the unrestricted blank indorsement by P, X became a holder of the 24 check. DB also became a holder. Since the check was paid before 26 P's claim became enforceable and payment was made to a person entitled to enforce the check, OB is discharged of all liability with respect to the check. Subsection (b)(2) [subsection 28 (3)(b)]. Thus, P is not entitled to payment from OB. Subsection 30 (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)] doesn't apply.

32 Case #5. Obligated Bank (OB) issued a cashier's check to its customer, Payee (P). P made an unrestricted blank indorsement of the check and mailed the check to P's bank for 34 deposit to P's account. The check was never received by P's 36 bank. When P discovered the loss, P asserted a claim pursuant to subsection (b) [subsection (2)]. At the end of the 90-day period 38 after the date of the check, OB paid the amount of the check to P under subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)]. X then found the 40 check and deposited it to X's account in Depositary Bank (DB). DB presented the check to OB for payment. OB is not obliged to 42 pay the check. Subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)]. If OB dishonors the check, DB's remedy is to charge back X's account. Section 4-214(a) [section 4-212(1)]. Although P, as an indorser, 44 would normally have liability to DB under section 3-415(a) 46 [section 3-1415(1)] because the check was dishonored, P is released from that liability under section 3-415(e) [section 48 3-1415(5)] because collection of the check was initiated more than 30 days after the indorsement. DB has a remedy only against X. A depositary bank that takes a cashier's check that cannot be 50

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presented for payment before expiration of the 90-day period after its date is on notice that the check might not be paid because of the possibility of a claim asserted under subsection (b) [subsection (2)] which would excuse the issuer of the check from paying the check. Thus, the depositary bank cannot safely release funds with respect to the check until it has assurance that the check has been paid. DB cannot be a holder in due course of the check because it took the check when the check was overdue. Section 3-304(a)(2) [section 3-1304(1)(b)]. Thus, DB has no action against P under subsection (c) [subsection (4)].

Obligated Bank (OB) issued a cashier's check 12 Case #6. payable to bearer and delivered it to its customer, Remitter 14 (R). R held the check for 90 days and then wronqfully asserted a claim to the amount of the check under subsection (b) [subsection 16 (2)]. The declaration of loss fraudulently stated that the check was lost. R received payment from OB under subsection (b)(4) [subsection (3)(d)]. R then negotiated the check to X for 18 value. X presented the check to OB for payment. Although OB, 20 under subsection (b)(2) [subsection (3)(b)], was not obliged to pay the check, OB paid X by mistake. OB's teller did not notice 22 that the check was more than 90 days old and was not aware that OB was not obliged to pay the check. If X took the check in good faith, OB may not recover from X. Section 3-418(c) [section 24 3-1418(3)]. OB's remedy is to recover from R for fraud or for breach of warranty in making a false declaration of loss. 26 Subsection (b) [subsection (2)].'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part 30 designated "<u>\$3-1402.</u>" by striking out all of subsection (2) (page 90, lines 13 to 38 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the 32 following:

- 34 '(2) If a representative signs the name of the representative to an instrument and the signature is an
 36 authorized signature of the represented person, the following rules apply.
- (a) If the form of the signature shows unambiguously that
 40 the signature is made on behalf of the represented person who is identified in the instrument, the representative is
 42 not liable on the instrument.
- (b) Subject to subsection (3), the representative is liable on the instrument to a holder in due course that took the instrument without notice that the representative was not intended to be liable on the instrument if:
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(i) The form of the signature does not show unambiguously that the signature is made in a representative capacity; or

(ii) The represented person is not identified in the instrument.

With respect to any other person, the representative is liable on the instrument unless the representative proves that the original parties did not intend the representative to be liable on the instrument.'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "§3-1402." in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in 14 subsection 2 in the last paragraph in the 2nd line (page 93, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[section 3-1402" and 16 inserting in its place the following: '[section 3-1402]'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part 20 designated "<u>\$3-1404.</u>" in subsection (2) in the first paragraph in the last line (page 95, line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the "indorsement:" and inserting in its place the 22 following: following: 'indorsement.'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part 26 designated "<u>\$3-1411.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 3 in the 12th line (page 117, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection 3-1202]" and inserting 28 in its place the following: '[section 3-1202]' and in the 13th line (page 117, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: 30 "[subsection 3-1201]" and inserting in its place the following: '[section 3-1201]' and in the 19th line (page 117, line 31 in 32 L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection (3))c)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (3)(c)]' 34

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part 36 designated "<u>\$3-1415.</u>" in subsection (1) in the first line (page 122, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "(3) and 38 (4)" and inserting in its place the following: '(3), (4) and (5)' 40

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "§3-1416." in subsection (4) in the first line (page 42 124, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[cause of action]" and inserting in its place the following: 'cause of 44 action'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1417.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 3 in the first line (page 128, line 12 in L.D.) by 50 striking out the following: "[subsection (1)]" and inserting in

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its place the following: '[subsection (1)(a)]' and in the 3rd line (page 128, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection (1)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (1)(c)]' and in the 3rd line from the end (page 128, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection (1)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (1)(c)]'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1417.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 4 in the 10th line (page 128, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection (1)] and (a)(3) [subsection (1)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (1)(b)] and (a)(3) [subsection (1)(c)]' and in the 17th line (page 128, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[section 3-1417(1)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[section 3-1417(1)(b) and (c)]'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "<u>\$3-1603.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 152, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Subsection (b)" and inserting in its place the following: 'Subsection (b) [subsection (2)]'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 6 in that part designated "**\$4-101.**" in the "**Uniform Commercial Code Comment**" in subsection 3 in the 11th line (page 162, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Section 4-401(c)" and inserting in its place the following: 'Section 4-401(c) [section 4-401 (1-B)]'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 10 in that part 32 designated "§4-105." in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 2 in the first line (page 175, line 46 in L.D.) by 34 striking out the following: "[sic]"

36 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 17 in that part designated "<u>\$4-111.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in 38 the last line (page 183, line 31 in L.D.) by inserting at the end the following: '[Brackets deleted in Maine law]'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 20 in that part designated "**§4-203.**" in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 190, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3-419" and inserting in its place the following: '3-419 <u>3-1420</u>' and in the 4th line (page 190, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "<u>3-206</u>" and inserting in its place the following: '<u>3-1206</u>'

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Further amend the bill in Part B in section 20 in that part designated "§4-203." in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in the 2nd paragraph in the 3rd line (page 191, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following "3-420" the following: '[section 3-1420]'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 21 in that part designated "**§4-204.**" in subsection (2) in paragraph (c) in the 2nd line (page 191, line 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "federal reserve" and inserting in its place the following: 'federal-reserve <u>Federal Reserve</u>'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 22 in that part designated "<u>\$4-205.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in the first paragraph in the 9th line (page 193, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "(N.Y.APO." and inserting in its place the following: '(N.Y.APP.' and in the 10th line (page 193, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[sic]"

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 32 in that part designated "<u>§4-211-A.</u>" in subsection (1) in the 3rd line (page 201, line 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "<u>clearing-house</u>" and inserting in its place the following: 24 '<u>clearinghouse</u>'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 34 in that part designated "§4-213." in subsection (1) in paragraph (b) in the last line (page 207, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "eleasinghouse clearing-house" and inserting in its place the following: 'clearinghouse'

32 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 34 in that part designated "§4-213." in subsection (1) in paragraph (d) in the last line (page 207, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "eleasinghouse clearing-house" and inserting in its 36 place the following: 'clearinghouse'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 36 in that part designated "§4-301." in subsection (4) by striking out all of paragraph (a) (page 216, lines 25 to 28 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'(a) As to an item reeeived <u>presented</u> through a elearing house <u>clearinghouse</u>, when it is delivered to the presenting or last collecting bank or to the elearing---house <u>clearinghouse</u> or is sent or delivered in accordance with its <u>clearinghouse</u> rules; or'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 37 in that part designated "54-302." in subsection (2) in the 3rd line (page 218,

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line 47 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "<u>warrant</u>" and inserting in its place the following: '<u>warranty</u>'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 38 in that part designated "§4-303." in subsection (1) in paragraph (c) in the next to the last line (page 220, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "clearing-house" and inserting in its place the following: 'clearinghouse'

10 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 38 in that part designated "§4-303." in subsection (1) in paragraph (f) in the first 2 lines (page 220, lines 48 and 49 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "that on hours" and inserting in its place the 14 following: 'than one hour'

16 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 40 in that part designated "<u>\$4-402.</u>" in subsection (1) in the 2nd line (page 225, 18 line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "<u>items</u>" and inserting in its place the following: '<u>item</u>'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 40 in that part designated "<u>\$4-402.</u>" in subsection (2) in the 2nd line (page 225, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "<u>approximately</u>" and inserting in its place the following: '<u>proximately</u>' and in the next to the last line (page 225, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "<u>approximately</u>" and inserting in its place the following: '<u>proximately</u>'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 40 in that part designated "<u>\$4-402.</u>" in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 1 in the 10th line (page 226, line 8 in L.D.) by 32 striking out the following: "approximately" and inserting in its place the following: 'proximately' 34

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 41 in that part 36 designated "**§4-403.**" in subsection (2) in the first line (page 228, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "An 38 eral" the following: '<u>A</u>'

40 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 43 in that part designated "§4-406." in subsection (4) in the 8th and 9th lines
42 (page 233, lines 35 and 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "indersement on the item;" and inserting in its place
44 the following: 'indersement; on the item,'

46 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 43 in that part designated "§4-406." in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in subsection 3 in the first line (page 237, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "[subsection 1-B)]" and inserting in its place the following: '[subsection (1-B)]'

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Further amend the bill in Part B in section 44 in that part designated "**§4-407.**" in the first paragraph in the last line (page 238, line 44 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ";" and inserting in its place the following: ':'

Further amend the bill in Part B in section 48 in that part designated "§4-504." in the "Uniform Commercial Code Comment" in the 2nd paragraph in the last line (page 242, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "man" the following: '[sic]'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds 2 changes to revised article 3 of the Uniform Commercial Code and conforming amendments adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

A new section 3-1312 is added to provide procedures for making a claim when a cashier's check, teller's check or certified check is lost, destroyed or stolen. It also provides rules delineating the bank's obligations when a claim is made.

The other change adopted by the commissioners is to add an internal reference in section 3-1415.

This amendment rewords a subsection to clarify the meaning.

This amendment also corrects several spelling and reference 30 errors.

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