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1 AN ACT concerning the Uniform Commercial Code.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

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Section 5. The Uniform Commercial Code is amended by
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      changing the heading of Article 1, Part 1 and Sections 1-101,
      1-102, 1-103, 1-104, 1-105, 1-106, 1-107, 1-108, and 1-109, the
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      heading of Article 1, Part 2 and Sections 1-201, 1-202, 1-203,
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      1-204, 1-205, 1-206, 1-207, 1-208, and 1-209 and by adding the
      heading of Article 1, Part 3 and Sections 1-301, 1-302, 1-303,
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      1-304, 1-305, 1-306, 1-307, 1-308, 1-309, and 1-310 as follows:
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          (810 ILCS 5/Art. 1 Pt. 1 heading)
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                                  PART 1-
         GENERAL PROVISIONS SHORT TITLE, CONSTRUCTION, APPLICATION
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                       AND SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ACT
          (810 ILCS 5/1-101) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-101)
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          Sec. 1-101. Short Titles. Short title.
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          (a) This Act may be cited as the Uniform Commercial Code.
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          (b) This Article may be cited as Uniform Commercial Code -
      General Provisions. This Act shall be known and may be cited as
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      Uniform Commercial Code.
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      (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
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          (810 ILCS 5/1-102) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-102)
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                         Scope of Article. Purposes, rules of
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      construction, variation by agreement. This Article applies to a
      transaction to the extent that it is governed by another
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      Article of the Uniform Commercial Code.
          (1) This Act shall be liberally construed and applied to
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      promote its underlying purposes and policies.
          (2) Underlying purposes and policies of this Act are
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              (a) to simplify, clarify and modernize the
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1	governing commercial transactions;
2	(b) to permit the continued expansion of commercial
3	practices through custom, usage and agreement of the parties;
4	(c) to make uniform the law among the various
5	jurisdictions.
6	(3) The effect of provisions of this Act may be varied by
7	agreement, except as otherwise provided in this Act and except
8	that the obligations of good faith, diligence, reasonableness
9	and care prescribed by this Act may not be disclaimed by
10	agreement but the parties may by agreement determine the
11	standards by which the performance of such obligations is to be
12	measured if such standards are not manifestly unreasonable.
13	(4) The presence in certain provisions of this Act of the
14	words "unless otherwise agreed" or words of similar import does
15	not imply that the effect of other provisions may not be varied
16	by agreement under subsection (3).
17	(5) In this Act unless the context otherwise requires
18	(a) words in the singular number include the plural,
19	and in the plural include the singular;
20	(b) words of the masculine gender include the feminine
21	and the neuter, and when the sense so indicates words of the
22	neuter gender may refer to any gender.
23	(Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
24	(810 ILCS 5/1-103) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-103)
25	Sec. 1-103. Construction of Uniform Commercial Code to
26	promote its purposes and policies; applicability of
27	supplemental principles of law. Supplementary general
28	principles of law applicable.
29	(a) The Uniform Commercial Code must be liberally construed
30	and applied to promote its underlying purposes and policies,
31	<pre>which are:</pre>
32	(1) to simplify, clarify, and modernize the law
33	<pre>governing commercial transactions;</pre>
34	(2) to permit the continued expansion of commercial
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- 2 (3) to make uniform the law among the various jurisdictions.
- 4 (b) Unless displaced by the particular provisions of the
- 5 <u>Uniform Commercial Code</u>, the principles of law and equity,
- 6 <u>including the law merchant and the law relative to capacity to</u>
- 7 contract, principal and agent, estoppel, fraud,
- 8 <u>misrepresentation</u>, duress, coercion, mistake, bankruptcy, and
- 9 <u>other validating or invalidating cause supplement its</u>
- 10 provisions.

- 11 Unless displaced by the particular provisions of this Act,
- 12 the principles of law and equity, including the law merchant
- 13 and the law relative to capacity to contract, principal and
- 14 agent, estoppel, fraud, misrepresentation, duress, coercion,
- 15 mistake, unjust enrichment, bankruptey, or other validating or
- 16 <u>invalidating cause shall supplement its provisions.</u>
- 17 (Source: P.A. 88-123.)
- 18 (810 ILCS 5/1-104) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-104)
- 19 Sec. 1-104. <u>Construction against implied repeal.</u>
- 20 Construction against implicit repeal. The Uniform Commercial
- 21 Code being a general Act intended as a unified coverage of its
- 22 <u>subject matter, no part of it shall</u> be deemed to be impliedly
- 23 <u>repealed by subsequent legislation if such construction can</u>
- reasonably be avoided.
- 25 This Act being a general act intended as a unified coverage
- of its subject matter, no part of it shall be deemed to be
- 27 impliedly repealed by subsequent legislation if such
- 28 construction can reasonably be avoided.
- 29 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
- 30 (810 ILCS 5/1-105) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-105)
- 31 Sec. 1-105. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision or clause of the
- 32 Uniform Commercial Code or its application to any person or
- 33 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect
- 34 <u>other provisions or applications of the Uniform Commercial Code</u>

1	which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
2	application, and to this end the provisions of the Uniform
3	Commercial Code are severable.
4	Territorial application of the Act; parties' power to choose
5	applicable law.
6	(1) Except as provided in this Section, when a transaction
7	bears a reasonable relation to this State and also to another
8	state or nation the parties may agree that the law either of
9	this State or of the other state or nation shall govern their
10	rights and duties. Failing an agreement, this Act applies to
11	transactions bearing an appropriate relation to this State.
12	(2) Where one of the following provisions of this Act
13	specifies the applicable law, that provision governs and a
14	contrary agreement is effective only to the extent permitted by
15	the law (including the conflict of laws rules) so specified:
16	Rights of creditors against sold goods. Section 2 402.
17	Applicability of the Article on Leases. Sections 2A 105 and
18	2A 106.
19	Applicability of the Article on Bank Deposits and
20	Collections. Section 4-102.
21	Governing law in the Article on Funds Transfers. Section
22	4A-507.
23	Letters of Credit. Section 5-116.
24	Applicability of the Article on Investment Securities.
25	Section 8-110.
26	Law governing perfection, the effect of perfection or
27	nonperfection, and the priority of security interests
28	and agricultural liens. Sections 9 301 through 9 307.
29	(Source: P.A. 91-893, eff. 7-1-01.)
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30	(810 ILCS 5/1-106) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-106)
31	Sec. 1-106. <u>Use of singular and plural; gender.</u> Remedies to
32	be liberally administered. In the Uniform Commercial Code,
33	unless the statutory context otherwise requires:
34	(1) words in the singular number include the plural,

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              (2) words of any gender also refer to any other gender.
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          (1) The remedies provided by this Act shall be liberally
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      administered to the end that the aggrieved party may be put in
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      but neither consequential or special nor penal damages may be
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      had except as specifically provided in this Act or by
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          (2) Any right or obligation declared by this Act is
      enforceable by action unless the provision declaring it
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      specifies a different and limited effect.
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      (Source: Laws 1961, 1st SS., p. 7.)
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          (810 ILCS 5/1-107) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-107)
          Sec. 1-107. Section captions. Waiver or renunciation of
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      claim or right after breach. Section captions are part of the
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      Uniform Commercial Code.
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          Any claim or right arising out of an alleged breach can be
      discharged in whole or in part without consideration by a
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      written waiver or renunciation signed and delivered by the
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      aggrieved party.
      (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
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          (810 ILCS 5/1-108) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-108)
          Sec. 1-108. Relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and
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      National Commerce Act. Severability. This Act modifies,
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      limits, and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in
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      Global and National Commerce Act, (15 U.S.C. Section 7001, et.
      seq.) but does not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101(c)
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      of that Act (15 U.S.C. Section 7001(c)) or authorize electronic
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      delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103(b) of
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      that Act (15 U.S.C. Section 103(b)).
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          If any provision or clause of this Act or application
      thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such
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      invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
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        e Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
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      (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
          (810 ILCS 5/1-109) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-109)
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          Sec. 1-109. (Blank). Section captions. Section captions
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      are parts of this Act.
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      (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
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          (810 ILCS 5/Art. 1 Pt. 2 heading)
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                                  PART 2-
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           GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION
          (810 ILCS 5/1-201) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-201)
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          Sec. 1-201. General Definitions.
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          (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, words or phrases
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      defined in this Section, or in the additional definitions
      contained in other Articles of the Uniform Commercial Code that
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      apply to particular Articles or parts thereof, have the
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      meanings stated.
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          (b) Subject to definitions contained in other Articles of
      the Uniform Commercial Code that apply to particular Articles
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      or parts thereof:
              (1) "Action", in the sense of a judicial proceeding,
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          includes recoupment, counterclaim, set-off, suit in
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          equity, and any other proceeding in which rights are
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          determined.
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              (2) "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to pursue
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          a remedy.
              (3) "Agreement", as distinguished from "contract",
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          means the bargain of the parties in fact, as found in their
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          language or inferred from other circumstances, including
          course of performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade
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          as provided in Section 1-303.
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          banking and includes a savings bank, savings and loan
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- (5) "Bearer" means a person in possession of a negotiable instrument, document of title, or certificated security that is payable to bearer or indorsed in blank.
 - (6) "Bill of lading" means a document evidencing the receipt of goods for shipment issued by a person engaged in the business of transporting or forwarding goods.
- (7) "Branch" includes a separately incorporated foreign branch of a bank.
- (8) "Burden of establishing" a fact means the burden of persuading the trier of fact that the existence of the fact is more probable than its nonexistence.
- (9) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a person that buys goods in good faith, without knowledge that the sale violates the rights of another person in the goods, and in the ordinary course from a person, other than a pawnbroker, in the business of selling goods of that kind. A person buys goods in the ordinary course if the sale to the person comports with the usual or customary practices in the kind of business in which the seller is engaged or with the seller's own usual or customary practices. A person that sells oil, gas, or other minerals at the wellhead or minehead is a person in the business of selling goods of that kind. A buyer in ordinary course of business may buy for cash, by exchange of other property, or on secured or unsecured credit, and may acquire goods or documents of title under a preexisting contract for sale. Only a buyer that takes possession of the goods or has a right to recover the goods from the seller under Article 2 may be a buyer in ordinary course of business. "Buyer in ordinary course of business" does not include a person that acquires goods in a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a money debt.
- (10) "Conspicuous", with reference to a term, means so written, displayed, or presented that a reasonable person against which it is to operate ought to have noticed it.

 Whether a term is "conspicuous" or not is a decision for

1	the court. Conspicuous terms include the following:
2	(A) a heading in capitals equal to or greater in
3	size than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type,
4	font, or color to the surrounding text of the same or
5	lesser size; and
6	(B) language in the body of a record or display in
7	larger type than the surrounding text, or in
8	contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding
9	text of the same size, or set off from surrounding text
10	of the same size by symbols or other marks that call
11	attention to the language.
12	(11) "Consumer" means an individual who enters into a
13	transaction primarily for personal, family, or household
14	purposes.
15	(12) "Contract", as distinguished from "agreement",
16	means the total legal obligation that results from the
17	parties' agreement as determined by the Uniform Commercial
18	Code as supplemented by any other applicable laws.
19	(13) "Creditor" includes a general creditor, a secured
20	creditor, a lien creditor, and any representative of
21	creditors, including an assignee for the benefit of
22	creditors, a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver in equity,
23	and an executor or administrator of an insolvent debtor's
24	or assignor's estate.
25	(14) "Defendant" includes a person in the position of
26	defendant in a counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party
27	<pre>claim.</pre>
28	(15) "Delivery", with respect to an instrument,
29	document of title, or chattel paper, means voluntary
30	transfer of possession.
31	(16) "Document of title" includes bill of lading, dock
32	warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt or order for the
33	delivery of goods, and also any other document which in the
34	regular course of business or financing is treated as
35	adequately evidencing that the person in possession of it

is entitled to receive, hold, and dispose of the document

1	and the goods it covers. To be a document of title, a
2	document must purport to be issued by or addressed to a
3	bailee and purport to cover goods in the bailee's
4	possession which are either identified or are fungible
5	portions of an identified mass.
6	(17) "Fault" means a default, breach, or wrongful act
7	or omission.
8	(18) "Fungible goods" means:
9	(A) goods of which any unit, by nature or usage of
10	trade, is the equivalent of any other like unit; or
11	(B) goods that by agreement are treated as
12	equivalent.
13	(19) "Genuine" means free of forgery or
14	counterfeiting.
15	(20) "Good faith" means honesty in fact in the conduct
16	or transaction concerned.
17	(21) "Holder" means:
18	(A) the person in possession of a negotiable
19	instrument that is payable either to bearer or to an
20	identified person that is the person in possession; or
21	(B) the person in possession of a document of title
22	if the goods are deliverable either to bearer or to the
23	order of the person in possession.
24	(22) "Insolvency proceeding" includes an assignment
25	for the benefit of creditors or other proceeding intended
26	to liquidate or rehabilitate the estate of the person
27	involved.
28	(23) "Insolvent" means:
29	(A) having generally ceased to pay debts in the
30	ordinary course of business other than as a result of
31	bona fide dispute;
32	(B) being unable to pay debts as they become due;
33	<u>or</u>
34	(C) being insolvent within the meaning of federal
35	bankruptcy law.
36	(24) "Money" means a medium of exchange currently

authorized or adopted by a domestic or foreign government.

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2	The term includes a monetary unit of account established by
3	an intergovernmental organization or by agreement between
4	two or more countries.
5	(25) "Organization" means a person other than an
6	<u>individual.</u>
7	(26) "Party", as distinguished from "third party",
8	means a person that has engaged in a transaction or made an
9	agreement subject to the Uniform Commercial Code.
10	(27) "Person" means an individual, corporation,
11	business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited
12	liability company, association, joint venture, government,
13	governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality,
14	public corporation, or any other legal or commercial
15	entity.
16	(28) "Present value" means the amount as of a date
17	certain of one or more sums payable in the future,
18	discounted to the date certain by use of either an interest
19	rate specified by the parties if that rate is not
20	manifestly unreasonable at the time the transaction is
21	entered into or, if an interest rate is not so specified, a
22	commercially reasonable rate that takes into account the
23	facts and circumstances at the time the transaction is
24	entered into.
25	(29) "Purchase" means taking by sale, lease, discount,
26	negotiation, mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest,
27	issue or reissue, gift, or any other voluntary transaction
28	creating an interest in property.
29	(30) "Purchaser" means a person that takes by purchase.
30	(31) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a
31	tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other
32	medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
33	(32) "Remedy" means any remedial right to which an
34	aggrieved party is entitled with or without resort to a
35	tribunal.

(33) "Representative" means a person empowered to act

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for another, including an agent, an officer of a

corporation or association, and a trustee, executor, or

administrator of an estate.

(34) "Right" includes remedy.

(35) "Security interest" means an interest in personal property or fixtures which secures payment or performance of an obligation. "Security interest" includes any interest of a consignor and a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, a payment intangible, or a promissory note in a transaction that is subject to Article 9. "Security interest" does not include the special property interest of a buyer of goods on identification of those goods to a contract for sale under Section 2-401, but a buyer may also acquire a "security interest" by complying with Article 9. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2-505, the right of a seller or lessor of goods under Article 2 or 2A to retain or acquire possession of the goods is not a "security interest", but a seller or lessor may also acquire a "security interest" by complying with Article 9. The retention or reservation of title by a seller of goods notwithstanding shipment or delivery to the buyer under Section 2-401 is limited in effect to a reservation of a "security interest". Whether a transaction in the form of a lease creates a "security interest" is determined pursuant to Section 1-203.

(36) "Send" in connection with a writing, record, or notice means:

(A) to deposit in the mail or deliver for transmission by any other usual means of communication with postage or cost of transmission provided for and properly addressed and, in the case of an instrument, to an address specified thereon or otherwise agreed, or if there be none to any address reasonable under the circumstances; or

(B) in any other way to cause to be received any record or notice within the time it would have arrived

1	if properly sent.
2	(37) "Signed" includes using any symbol executed or
3	adopted with present intention to adopt or accept a
4	writing.
5	(38) "State" means a State of the United States, the
6	District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
7	Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to
8	the jurisdiction of the United States.
9	(39) "Surety" includes a quarantor or other secondary
10	obligor.
11	(40) "Term" means a portion of an agreement that
12	relates to a particular matter.
13	(41) "Unauthorized signature" means a signature made
14	without actual, implied, or apparent authority. The term
15	includes a forgery.
16	(42) "Warehouse receipt" means a receipt issued by a
17	person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire.
18	(43) "Writing" includes printing, typewriting, or any
19	other intentional reduction to tangible form. "Written"
20	has a corresponding meaning.
21	Subject to additional definitions contained in the subsequent
22	Articles of this Act which are applicable to specific Articles
23	or Parts thereof, and unless the context otherwise requires, in
24	this Act:
25	(1) "Action" in the sense of a judicial proceeding includes
26	recoupment, counterclaim, set off, suit in equity and any other
27	proceedings in which rights are determined.
28	(2) "Aggrieved party" means a party entitled to resort to a
29	remedy.
30	(3) "Agreement" means the bargain of the parties in fact as
31	found in their language or by implication from other
32	circumstances including course of dealing or usage of trade or
33	course of performance as provided in this Act (Sections 1-205,
34	2-208, and 2A-207). Whether an agreement has legal consequences
35	is determined by the provisions of this Act, if applicable;

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- (4) "Bank" means any person engaged in the business of banking.
 - (5) "Bearer" means the person in possession of an instrument, document of title, or certificated security payable to bearer or indorsed in blank.
 - (6) "Bill of lading" means a document evidencing the receipt of goods for shipment issued by a person engaged in the business of transporting or forwarding goods, and includes an airbill. "Airbill" means a document serving for air transportation as a bill of lading does for marine or rail transportation, and includes an air consignment note or air waybill.
 - (7) "Branch" includes a separately incorporated foreign branch of a bank.
 - (8) "Burden of establishing" a fact means the burden of persuading the triers of fact that the existence of the fact is more probable than its non existence.
 - (9) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a person that buys goods in good faith, without knowledge that the sale violates the rights of another person in the goods, and in the ordinary course from a person, other than a pawnbroker, in the business of selling goods of that kind. A person buys goods in the ordinary course if the sale to the person comports with the usual or customary practices in the kind of business in which the seller is engaged or with the seller's own usual or customary practices. A person that sells oil, gas, or other at the wellhead or minehead is a person in the business of selling goods of that kind. A buyer in ordinary course of business may buy for cash, by exchange of other property, or on secured or unsecured credit, and may acquire goods or documents of title under a pre-existing contract for sale. Only a buyer that takes possession of the goods or has a right to recover the goods from the seller under Article 2 may a buyer in ordinary course of business. A person that acquires goods in a transfer in bulk or as security for or in

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total or partial satisfaction of a money debt is not a buyer in ordinary course of business.

(10) "Conspicuous": A term or clause is conspicuous when it is so written that a reasonable person against whom it is to operate ought to have noticed it. A printed heading in capitals (as: NON NEGOTIABLE BILL OF LADING) is conspicuous. Language in the body of a form is "conspicuous" if it is in larger or other contrasting type or color. But in a telegram any stated term is "conspicuous". Whether a term or clause is "conspicuous" or not is for decision by the court.

(11) "Contract" means the total legal obligation which results from the parties' agreement as affected by this Act and any other applicable rules of law. (Compare "Agreement".)

(12) "Creditor" includes a general creditor, a secured creditor, a lien creditor and any representative of creditors, including an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver in equity and an executor or administrator of an insolvent debtor's or assignor's estate.

(13) "Defendant" includes a person in the position of defendant in a cross-action or counterclaim.

(14) "Delivery" with respect to instruments, documents of title, chattel paper or certificated securities means voluntary transfer of possession.

(15) "Document of title" includes bill of lading, dock warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt or order for the delivery of goods, and also any other document which in the regular course of business or financing is treated as adequately evidencing that the person in possession of it is entitled to receive, hold and dispose of the document and the goods it covers. To be a document of title a document must purport to be issued by or addressed to a bailee and purport to cover goods in the bailee's possession which are either identified or are fungible portions of an identified mass.

(16) "Fault" means wrongful act, omission or breach.

(17) "Fungible" with respect to goods or securities means goods or securities of which any unit is, by nature or usage of

1	trade, the equivalent of any other like unit. Goods which are
2	not fungible shall be deemed fungible for the purposes of this
3	Act to the extent that under a particular agreement or document
4	unlike units are treated as equivalents.
5	(18) "Genuine" means free of forgery or counterfeiting.
6	(19) "Good faith" means honesty in fact in the conduct or
7	transaction concerned.
8	(20) "Holder" with respect to a negotiable instrument means
9	the person in possession if the instrument is payable to bearer
10	or, in the case of an instrument payable to an identified
11	person, if the identified person is in possession. "Holder"
12	with respect to a document of title means the person in
13	possession if the goods are deliverable to bearer or to the
14	order of the person in possession.
15	(21) To "honor" is to pay or accept and pay, or where a
16	credit so engages to purchase or discount a draft complying
17	with the terms of the credit.
18	(22) "Insolvency proceedings" includes any assignment for
19	the benefit of creditors or other proceedings intended to
20	liquidate or rehabilitate the estate of the person involved.
21	(23) A person is "insolvent" who either has ceased to pay
22	his debts in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay his
23	debts as they become due or is insolvent within the meaning of
24	the federal bankruptcy law.
25	(24) "Money" means a medium of exchange authorized or
26	adopted by a domestic or foreign government and includes a
27	monetary unit of account established by an intergovernmental
28	organization or by agreement between 2 or more nations.
29	(25) A person has "notice" of a fact when
30	(a) he has actual knowledge of it; or
31	(b) he has received a notice or notification of it; or
32	(c) from all the facts and circumstances known to him
33	at the time in question he has reason to know that it
34	exists. A person "knows" or has "knowledge" of a fact when
35	he has actual knowledge of it. "Discover" or "learn" or a
36	word or phrase of similar import refers to knowledge rather

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than to reason to know. The time and circumstances under which a notice or notification may cease to be effective are not determined by this Act.

(26) A person "notifies" or "gives" a notice or notification to another by taking such steps as may be reasonably required to inform the other in ordinary course whether or not such other actually comes to know of it. A person "receives" a notice or notification when

(a) it comes to his attention; or

(b) it is duly delivered at the place of business through which the contract was made or at any other place held out by him as the place for receipt of such communications.

by an organization is effective for a particular transaction from the time when it is brought to the attention of the individual conducting that transaction, and in any event from the time when it would have been brought to his attention if the organization had exercised due diligence. An organization exercises due diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for communicating significant information to the person conducting the transaction and there is reasonable compliance with the routines. Due diligence does not require an individual acting for the organization to communicate information unless such communication is part of his regular duties or unless he has reason to know of the transaction and that the transaction would be materially affected by the information.

(28) "Organization" includes a corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(29) "Party", as distinct from "third party", means a person who has engaged in a transaction or made an agreement within this Act.

(30) "Person" includes an individual or an organization

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(see Section 1-102).

(31) "Presumption" or "presumed" means that the trier of fact must find the existence of the fact presumed unless and until evidence is introduced which would support a finding of its non existence.

(32) "Purchase" includes taking by sale, discount, negotiation, mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, issue or reissue, gift or any other voluntary transaction creating an interest in property.

(33) "Purchaser" means a person who takes by purchase.

(34) "Remedy" means any remedial right to which an aggrieved party is entitled with or without resort to a tribunal.

(35) "Representative" includes an agent, an officer of a corporation or association, and a trustee, executor or administrator of an estate, or any other person empowered to act for another.

(36) "Rights" includes remedies.

(37) "Security interest" means an interest in personal property or fixtures which secures payment or performance of an obligation. The term also includes any interest of a consignor and a buyer of accounts, chattel paper, a payment intangible, or a promissory note in a transaction that is subject to Article 9. The special property interest of a buyer of goods on identification of those goods to a contract for sale under Section 2 401 is not a "security interest", but a buyer may also acquire a "security interest", by complying with Article 9. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 505, the right of a seller or lessor of goods under Article 2 or 2A to retain or acquire possession of the goods is not a "security interest", but a seller or lessor may also acquire a "security interest" by complying with Article 9. The retention or reservation of title by a seller of goods notwithstanding shipment or delivery to the buyer (Section 2-401) is limited in effect to a servation of a "security interest".

Whether a transaction creates a lease or security interest

1	is determined by the facts of each case; however, a transaction
2	ereates a security interest if the consideration the lessee is
3	to pay the lessor for the right to possession and use of the
4	goods is an obligation for the term of the lease not subject to
5	termination by the lessee; and
6	(a) the original term of the lease is equal to or
7	greater than the remaining economic life of the goods;
8	(b) the lessee is bound to renew the lease for the
9	remaining economic life of the goods or is bound to become
10	the owner of the goods;
11	(c) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for the
12	remaining economic life of the goods for no additional
13	consideration or nominal additional consideration upon
14	compliance with the lease agreement; or
15	(d) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the
16	goods for no additional consideration or nominal
17	additional consideration upon compliance with the lease
18	agreement.
19	A transaction does not create a security interest merely
20	because it provides that:
21	(a) the present value of the consideration the lessee
22	is obligated to pay the lessor for the right to possession
23	and use of the goods is substantially equal to or is
24	greater than the fair market value of the goods at the time
25	the lease is entered into;
26	(b) the lessee assumes risk of loss of the goods, or
27	agrees to pay taxes, insurance, filing, recording, or
28	registration fees, or service or maintenance costs with
29	respect to the goods;
30	(c) the lessee has an option to renew the lease or to
31	become the owner of the goods;
32	(d) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for a
33	fixed rent that is equal to or greater than the reasonably
34	predictable fair market rent for the use of the goods for
35	the term of the renewal at the time the option is to be
36	performed; or

(e) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the goods for a fixed price that is equal to or greater than the reasonably predictable fair market value of the goods at the time the option is to be performed.

For purposes of this subsection (37):

(x) Additional consideration is not nominal if (i) when the option to renew the lease is granted to the lessee the rent is stated to be the fair market rent for the use of the goods for the term of the renewal determined at the time the option is to be performed, or (ii) when the option to become the owner of the goods is granted to the lessee the price is stated to be the fair market value of the goods determined at the time the option is to be performed.

(y) "Reasonably predictable" and "remaining economic life of the goods" are to be determined with reference to the facts and circumstances at the time the transaction is entered into; and

Additional consideration is nominal if it is less than the

lessee's reasonably predictable cost of performing under

the lease agreement if the option is not exercised;

(z) "Present value" means the amount as of a date certain of one or more sums payable in the future, discounted to the date certain. The discount is determined by the interest rate specified by the parties if the rate is not manifestly unreasonable at the time the transaction is entered into; otherwise, the discount is determined by a commercially reasonable rate that takes into account the facts and circumstances as of each case at the time the transaction was entered into.

(38) "Send" in connection with any writing or notice means to deposit in the mail or deliver for transmission by any other usual means of communication with postage or cost of transmission provided for and properly addressed and in the case of an instrument to an address specified thereon or otherwise agreed, or if there be none to any address reasonable under the circumstances. The receipt of any writing or notice

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within the time at which	n it would hav	e arrived if properly sent
has the effect of a prop	er sending.	
(39) "Signed" inclu	des any symbol	l executed or adopted by a
party with present inte r	ntion to authe	nticate a writing.
(40) "Surety" include	des guarantor.	-
(41) "Telegram" inc	cludes a mess	age transmitted by radio,
teletype, cable, any me	chanical metho	od of transmission, or the
like.		
(42) "Term" means	that portion	n of an agreement which
relates to a particular	matter.	
(43) "Unauthorized	" signature	means one made without
actual, implied, or appa	arent authorit	y and includes a forgery.
(44) "Value". Excep	t as otherwise	e provided with respect to
negotiable instruments	and bank col	lections (Sections 3-303,
4-210, and 4-211), a r	person gives	"value" for rights if he
acquires them:		
(a) in return fo	or a binding c	ommitment to extend credit
or for the extens	sion of imme	diately available credit
whether or not draw	n upon and whe	ether or not a charge back
is provided for in t	the event of d	ifficulties in collection;
or		
(b) as security	for or in tot	al or partial satisfaction
of a pre-existing cl	laim; or	
(c) by acceptir	n g delivery p o	ursuant to a pre-existing
contract for purchas	se; or	
(d) generally,	in return	for any consideration
sufficient to suppor	rt a simple co	n tract.
		receipt issued by a person
engaged in the business		
=	of storing goo	ods for hire.
(46) "Written" or "		ods for hire. udes printing, typewriting

33 (810 ILCS 5/1-202) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-202)

34 Sec. 1-202. Notice; knowledge. Prima facie evidence k

35 third party documents.

(Source: P.A. 91-893, eff. 7-1-01.)

1	(a) Subject to subsection (f), a person has "notice" of a
2	<pre>fact if the person:</pre>
3	(1) has actual knowledge of it;
4	(2) has received a notice or notification of it; or
5	(3) from all the facts and circumstances known to the
6	person at the time in question, has reason to know that it
7	<u>exists.</u>
8	(b) "Knowledge" means actual knowledge. "Knows" has a
9	corresponding meaning.
10	(c) "Discover", "learn", or words of similar import refer
11	to knowledge rather than to reason to know.
12	(d) A person "notifies" or "gives" a notice or notification
13	to another person by taking such steps as may be reasonably
14	required to inform the other person in ordinary course, whether
15	or not the other person actually comes to know of it.
16	(e) Subject to subsection (f), a person "receives" a notice
17	or notification when:
18	(1) it comes to that person's attention; or
19	(2) it is duly delivered in a form reasonable under the
20	circumstances at the place of business through which the
21	contract was made or at another location held out by that
22	person as the place for receipt of such communications.
23	(f) Notice, knowledge, or a notice or notification received
24	by an organization is effective for a particular transaction
25	from the time it is brought to the attention of the individual
26	conducting that transaction and, in any event, from the time it
27	would have been brought to the individual's attention if the
28	organization had exercised due diligence. An organization
29	exercises due diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for
30	communicating significant information to the person conducting
31	the transaction and there is reasonable compliance with the
32	routines. Due diligence does not require an individual acting
33	for the organization to communicate information unless the
34	communication is part of the individual's regular duties or the
35	individual has reason to know of the transaction and that the

transaction would be materially affected by the information.

1	A document in due form purporting to be a bill of lading,
2	policy or certificate of insurance, official weigher's or
3	inspector's certificate, consular invoice, or any other
4	document authorized or required by the contract to be issued by
5	a third party shall be prima facie evidence of its own
6	authenticity and genuineness and of the facts stated in the
7	document by the third party.
8	(Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
9	(810 ILCS 5/1-203) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-203)
10	Sec. 1-203. Lease distinguished from security interest.
11	Obligation of good faith.
12	(a) Whether a transaction in the form of a lease creates a
13	lease or security interest is determined by the facts of each
14	case.
15	(b) A transaction in the form of a lease creates a security
16	interest if the consideration that the lessee is to pay the
17	lessor for the right to possession and use of the goods is an
18	obligation for the term of the lease and is not subject to
19	termination by the lessee, and:
20	(1) the original term of the lease is equal to or
21	greater than the remaining economic life of the goods;
22	(2) the lessee is bound to renew the lease for the
23	remaining economic life of the goods or is bound to become
24	the owner of the goods;
25	(3) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for the
26	remaining economic life of the goods for no additional
27	consideration or for nominal additional consideration upon
28	<pre>compliance with the lease agreement; or</pre>
29	(4) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the
30	goods for no additional consideration or for nominal
31	additional consideration upon compliance with the lease
32	agreement.
33	(c) A transaction in the form of a lease does not create a
34	security interest merely because:

(1) the present value of the consideration the lessee

1	is obligated to pay the lessor for the right to possession
2	and use of the goods is substantially equal to or is
3	greater than the fair market value of the goods at the time
4	the lease is entered into;
5	(2) the lessee assumes risk of loss of the goods;
6	(3) the lessee agrees to pay, with respect to the
7	goods, taxes, insurance, filing, recording, or
8	registration fees, or service or maintenance costs;
9	(4) the lessee has an option to renew the lease or to
LO	become the owner of the goods;
11	(5) the lessee has an option to renew the lease for a
12	fixed rent that is equal to or greater than the reasonably
L3	predictable fair market rent for the use of the goods for
L 4	the term of the renewal at the time the option is to be
15	performed; or
16	(6) the lessee has an option to become the owner of the
17	goods for a fixed price that is equal to or greater than
18	the reasonably predictable fair market value of the goods
19	at the time the option is to be performed.
20	(d) Additional consideration is nominal if it is less than
21	the lessee's reasonably predictable cost of performing under
22	the lease agreement if the option is not exercised. Additional
23	<pre>consideration is not nominal if:</pre>
24	(1) when the option to renew the lease is granted to
25	the lessee, the rent is stated to be the fair market rent
26	for the use of the goods for the term of the renewal
27	determined at the time the option is to be performed; or
28	(2) when the option to become the owner of the goods is
29	granted to the lessee, the price is stated to be the fair
30	market value of the goods determined at the time the option
31	is to be performed.
32	(e) The "remaining economic life of the goods" and
33	"reasonably predictable" fair market rent, fair market value,
34	or cost of performing under the lease agreement must be
35	determined with reference to the facts and circumstances at the

time the transaction is entered into.

Every contract or duty within this Act imposes an

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2	obligation of good faith in its performance or enforcement.
3	(Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
4	(810 ILCS 5/1-204) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-204)
5	Sec. 1-204. <u>Value</u> . <u>Time</u> ; reasonable time; "seasonably".
6	Except as otherwise provided in Articles 3, 4, 5, and 6, a
7	person gives value for rights if the person acquires them:
8	(1) in return for a binding commitment to extend credit
9	or for the extension of immediately available credit,
10	whether or not drawn upon and whether or not a charge-back
11	is provided for in the event of difficulties in collection;
12	(2) as security for, or in total or partial
13	satisfaction of, a preexisting claim;
14	(3) by accepting delivery under a preexisting contract
15	for purchase; or
16	(4) in return for any consideration sufficient to
17	support a simple contract.
18	(1) Whenever this Act requires any action to be taken
19	within a reasonable time, any time which is not manifestly
20	unreasonable may be fixed by agreement.
21	(2) What is a reasonable time for taking any action depends
22	on the nature, purpose and circumstances of such action.
23	(3) An action is taken "seasonably" when it is taken at or
24	within the time agreed or if no time is agreed at or within
25	reasonable time.
26	(Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
27	(810 ILCS 5/1-205) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-205)
28	Sec. 1-205. Reasonable time; seasonableness. Course of
29	dealing and usage of trade.
30	(a) Whether a time for taking an action required by the
31	Uniform Commercial Code is reasonable depends on the nature,
32	purpose, and circumstances of the action.
33	(b) An action is taken seasonably if it is taken at or
34	within the time agreed or, if no time is agreed, at or within a

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- (1) A course of dealing is a sequence of previous conduct between the parties to a particular transaction which is fairly to be regarded as establishing a common basis of understanding for interpreting their expressions and other conduct.
- (2) A usage of trade is any practice or method of dealing having such regularity of observance in a place, vocation or trade as to justify an expectation that it will be observed with respect to the transaction in question. The existence and scope of such a usage are to be proved as facts. If it is established that such a usage is embodied in a written trade code or similar writing the interpretation of the writing is for the court.
- (3) A course of dealing between parties and any usage of trade in the vocation or trade in which they are engaged or of which they are or should be aware give particular meaning to and supplement or qualify terms of an agreement.
- (4) The express terms of an agreement and an applicable course of dealing or usage of trade shall be construed wherever reasonable as consistent with each other; but when such construction is unreasonable express terms control both course of dealing and usage of trade and course of dealing controls usage of trade.
- (5) An applicable usage of trade in the place where any part of performance is to occur shall be used in interpreting the agreement as to that part of the performance.
- (6) Evidence of a relevant usage of trade offered by one party is not admissible unless and until he has given the other party such notice as the court finds sufficient to prevent unfair surprise to the latter.
- 31 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
- (810 ILCS 5/1-206) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-206) 32
- Sec. 1-206. Presumptions. Statute of frauds for kinds of 33 personal property not otherwise covered. Whenever the Uniform 34 Commercial Code creates a "presumption" with respect to a fact, 35

or provides that a fact is "presumed", the trier of fact must 1 2 find the existence of the fact unless and until evidence is introduced that supports a finding of its nonexistence. 3 (1) Except in the cases described in subsection (2) of this 4 5 Section a contract for the sale of personal property is not enforceable by way of action or defense beyond \$5,000 in amount 6 or value of remedy unless there is some writing which indicates 7 that a contract for sale has been made between the parties at a defined or stated price, reasonably identifies the subject 9 10 matter, and is signed by the party against whom enforcement is 11 sought or by his authorized agent. (2) Subsection (1) of this Section does not apply to 12 contracts for the sale of goods (Section 2-201) 13 securities (Section 8-113) nor to security agreements (Section 14 9-203). 15 (Source: P.A. 89-364, eff. 1-1-96.) 16 (810 ILCS 5/1-207) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-207) 17 Sec. 1-207. (Blank). Performance or acceptance under 18 19 reservation of rights. 20 (1) A party who, with explicit reservation of rights, 21 performs or promises performance or assents to performance in a manner demanded or offered by the other party does not thereby 22 prejudice the rights reserved. Such words as "without 23 prejudice", "under protest" or the like are sufficient. 24 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an accord and 25

26 satisfaction.

27 (Source: P.A. 87-582.)

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28 (810 ILCS 5/1-208) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-208)

29 Sec. 1-208. (Blank). Option to Accelerate at Will.
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A term providing that one party or his successor in interest may accelerate payment or performance or require collateral or additional collateral "at will" or "when he deems himself insecure" or in words of similar import shall be construed to mean that he shall have power to do so only if he

in good faith believes that the prospect of payment 1 2 performance is impaired. The burden of establishing 3 good faith is on the party against whom the power has been exercised. 4 (Source: Laws 1961, 1st SS., p. 7.) 5 (810 ILCS 5/1-209) (from Ch. 26, par. 1-209) 6 7 Sec. 1-209. (Blank). Subordinated Obligations. An obligation may be issued as subordinated to payment of 8 9 another obligation of the person obligated, or a creditor may 10 subordinate his right to payment of an obligation by agreement with either the person obligated or another creditor of the 11 rson obligated. Such a subordination does 12 security interest as against either the common debtor 13 subordinated creditor. This Section shall be construed 14 15 declaring the law as it existed prior to the enactment of this 16 Section and not as modifying it. (Source: P.A. 77-2810.) 17 18 (810 ILCS 5/Art. 1 Pt. 3 heading new) PART 3 19 TERRITORIAL APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES 20 (810 ILCS 5/1-301 new) 21 Sec. 1-301. Territorial applicability; parties' power to 22 choose applicable law. 23 24 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, when a transaction bears a reasonable relation to this State and also 25 to another state or nation the parties may agree that the law 26 either of this State or of such other state or nation shall 27 28 govern their rights and duties. (b) In the absence of an agreement effective under 29 subsection (a), and except as provided in subsection (c), the 30 Uniform Commercial Code applies to transactions bearing an 31 appropriate relation to this State. 32

(c) If one of the following provisions of the Uniform

- 1 Commercial Code specifies the applicable law, that provision 2 governs and a contrary agreement is effective only to the extent permitted by the law so specified: 3 (1) Section 2-402; 4 5 (2) Sections 2A-105 and 2A-106; (3) Section 4-102; 6 (4) Section 4A-507; 7 (5) Section 5-116; (6) Section 8-110; 9 (7) Sections 9-301 through 9-307. 10 11 (810 ILCS 5/1-302 new) 12 Sec. 1-302. Variation by agreement. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or 13 elsewhere in the Uniform Commercial Code, the effect of 14 15 provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code may be varied by 16 agreement. 17 (b) The obligations of good faith, diligence, reasonableness, and care prescribed by the Uniform Commercial 18 19 Code may not be disclaimed by agreement. The parties, by agreement, may determine the standards by which the performance 20 of those obligations is to be measured if those standards are 21 not manifestly unreasonable. Whenever the Uniform Commercial 22 23 Code requires an action to be taken within a reasonable time, a time that is not manifestly unreasonable may be fixed by 24 25 agreement. 26 (c) The presence in certain provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code of the phrase "unless otherwise agreed", or 27 words of similar import, does not imply that the effect of 28 other provisions may not be varied by agreement under this 29 30 Section.
- 31 (810 ILCS 5/1-303 new)
- 32 <u>Sec. 1-303. Course of performance, course of dealing, and</u>
- 33 usage of trade.
- 34 (a) A "course of performance" is a sequence of conduct

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- 2 (1) the agreement of the parties with respect to the 3 transaction involves repeated occasions for performance by 4 a party; and
 - (2) the other party, with knowledge of the nature of the performance and opportunity for objection to it, accepts the performance or acquiesces in it without objection.
 - A "course of dealing" is a sequence of conduct concerning previous transactions between the parties to a particular transaction that is fairly to be regarded as establishing a common basis of understanding for interpreting their expressions and other conduct.
 - (c) A "usage of trade" is any practice or method of dealing having such regularity of observance in a place, vocation, or trade as to justify an expectation that it will be observed with respect to the transaction in question. The existence and scope of such a usage must be proved as facts. If it is established that such a usage is embodied in a trade code or similar record, the interpretation of the record is a question of law.
 - (d) A course of performance or course of dealing between the parties or usage of trade in the vocation or trade in which they are engaged or of which they are or should be aware is relevant in ascertaining the meaning of the parties' agreement, may give particular meaning to specific terms of the agreement, and may supplement or qualify the terms of the agreement. A usage of trade applicable in the place in which part of the performance under the agreement is to occur may be so utilized as to that part of the performance.
 - (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), the express terms of an agreement and any applicable course of performance, course of dealing, or usage of trade must be construed whenever reasonable as consistent with each other. If such a construction is unreasonable:
 - (1) express terms prevail over course of performance,

1	course of dealing, and usage of trade;
2	(2) course of performance prevails over course of
3	dealing and usage of trade; and
4	(3) course of dealing prevails over usage of trade.
5	(f) Subject to Section 2-209, a course of performance is
6	relevant to show a waiver or modification of any term
7	inconsistent with the course of performance.
8	(q) Evidence of a relevant usage of trade offered by one
9	party is not admissible unless that party has given the other
10	party notice that the court finds sufficient to prevent unfair
11	surprise to the other party.
12	(810 ILCS 5/1-304 new)
13	Sec. 1-304. Obligation of good faith. Every contract or
14	duty within the Uniform Commercial Code imposes an obligation
15	of good faith in its performance and enforcement.
16	(810 ILCS 5/1-305 new)
17	Sec. 1-305. Remedies to be liberally administered.
18	(a) The remedies provided by the Uniform Commercial Code
19	must be liberally administered to the end that the aggrieved
20	party may be put in as good a position as if the other party had
21	fully performed but neither consequential or special damages
22	nor penal damages may be had except as specifically provided in
23	the Uniform Commercial Code or by other rule of law.
24	(b) Any right or obligation declared by the Uniform
25	Commercial Code is enforceable by action unless the provision
26	declaring it specifies a different and limited effect.
27	(810 ILCS 5/1-306 new)
28	Sec. 1-306. Waiver or renunciation of claim or right after
29	breach. A claim or right arising out of an alleged breach may
30	be discharged in whole or in part without consideration by

31 agreement of the aggrieved party in an authenticated record.

Sec. 1-307. Prima facie evidence by third-party documents.

2 A document in due form purporting to be a bill of lading,

policy or certificate of insurance, official weigher's or

inspector's certificate, consular invoice, or any other

document authorized or required by the contract to be issued by

a third party is prima facie evidence of its own authenticity

and genuineness and of the facts stated in the document by the

8 third party.

- 9 (810 ILCS 5/1-308 new)
- Sec. 1-308. Performance or acceptance under reservation of
- 11 rights.

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- 12 <u>(a) A party that with explicit reservation of rights</u>
- performs or promises performance or assents to performance in a
- 14 manner demanded or offered by the other party does not thereby
- 15 prejudice the rights reserved. Such words as "without
- prejudice", "under protest", or the like are sufficient.
- 17 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an accord and
- 18 <u>satisfaction</u>.
- 19 (810 ILCS 5/1-309 new)
- Sec. 1-309. Option to accelerate at will. A term providing
- 21 that one party or that party's successor in interest may
- 22 accelerate payment or performance or require collateral or
- 23 <u>additional collateral "at will" or when the party "deems itself</u>
- 24 <u>insecure", or words of similar import, means that the party has</u>
- 25 <u>power to do so only if that party in good faith believes that</u>
- the prospect of payment or performance is impaired. The burden
- of establishing lack of good faith is on the party against
- which the power has been exercised.
- 29 (810 ILCS 5/1-310 new)
- 30 Sec. 1-310. Subordinated obligations. An obligation may be
- issued as subordinated to performance of another obligation of
- 32 the person obligated, or a creditor may subordinate its right
- 33 <u>to performance of an obligation by agreement with either the</u>

- 1 person obligated or another creditor of the person obligated.
- 2 Subordination does not create a security interest as against
- 3 either the common debtor or a subordinated creditor.
- 4 Section 10. The Uniform Commercial Code is amended by
- 5 changing Sections 2-202, 2-208, 2A-207, 2A-501, 2A-518,
- 6 2A-519, 2A-527, 2A-528, 3-103, 4A-105, 4A-106, 4A-204, and
- 7 5-103 as follows:
- 8 (810 ILCS 5/2-202) (from Ch. 26, par. 2-202)
- 9 Sec. 2-202. Final written expression: parol or extrinsic
- 10 evidence.
- 11 Terms with respect to which the confirmatory memoranda of
- 12 the parties agree or which are otherwise set forth in a writing
- 13 intended by the parties as a final expression of their
- 14 agreement with respect to such terms as are included therein
- may not be contradicted by evidence of any prior agreement or
- of a contemporaneous oral agreement but may be explained or
- 17 supplemented
- 18 (a) by <u>course of performance</u>, course of dealing, or
- usage of trade (Section 1-303 1--205) or by course of
- 20 performance (Section 2--208); and
- 21 (b) by evidence of consistent additional terms unless
- 22 the court finds the writing to have been intended also as a
- 23 complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the
- 24 agreement.
- 25 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)
- 26 (810 ILCS 5/2-208) (from Ch. 26, par. 2-208)
- Sec. 2-208. (Blank). Course of performance or practical
- 28 construction.
- 29 (1) Where the contract for sale involves repeated occasions
- 30 for performance by either party with knowledge of the nature of
- 31 the performance and opportunity for objection to it by the
- 32 other, any course of performance accepted or acquiesced in
- 33 without objection shall be relevant to determine the meaning of

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(2) The express terms of the agreement and any such course of performance, as well as any course of dealing and usage of trade, shall be construed whenever reasonable as consistent with each other; but when such construction is unreasonable, express terms shall control course of performance and course of performance shall control both course of dealing and usage of trade (Section 1 205).

(3) Subject to the provisions of the next section on modification and waiver, such course of performance shall be relevant to show a waiver or modification of any term inconsistent with such course of performance.

(Source: Laws 1961, p. 2101.)

14 (810 ILCS 5/2A-207) (from Ch. 26, par. 2A-207)

> Sec. 2A-207. (Blank). Course of performance or practical construction.

> (1) If a lease contract involves repeated occasions for performance by either party with knowledge of the nature of the performance and opportunity for objection to it by the other, any course of performance accepted or acquiesced in without objection is relevant to determine the meaning of the lease agreement.

> (2) The express terms of a lease agreement and any course of performance, as well as any course of dealing and usage of trade, must be construed whenever reasonable as consistent with each other; but if that construction is unreasonable, express terms control course of performance, course of performance controls both course of dealing and usage of trade, and course of dealing controls usage of trade.

> (3) Subject to the provisions of Section 2A-208 on modification and waiver, course of performance is relevant to show a waiver or modification of any term inconsistent with the course of performance.

(Source: P.A. 87-493.) 34

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- 1 (810 ILCS 5/2A-501) (from Ch. 26, par. 2A-501)
- 2 Sec. 2A-501. Default; procedure.
- 3 (1) Whether the lessor or the lessee is in default under a 4 lease contract is determined by the lease agreement and this 5 Article.
- (2) If the lessor or the lessee is in default under the lease contract, the party seeking enforcement has rights and remedies as provided in this Article and, except as limited by this Article, as provided in the lease agreement.
 - (3) If the lessor or the lessee is in default under the lease contract, the party seeking enforcement may reduce the party's claim to judgment, or otherwise enforce the lease contract by self-help or any available judicial procedure or nonjudicial procedure, including administrative proceeding, arbitration, or the like, in accordance with this Article.
 - (4) Except as otherwise provided in Section 1-305(a) 1-306(1) or this Article or the lease agreement, the rights and remedies referred to in subsections (2) and (3) are cumulative.
 - (5) If the lease agreement covers both real property and goods, the party seeking enforcement may proceed under this Part as to the goods, or under other applicable law as to both the real property and the goods in accordance with that party's rights and remedies in respect of the real property, in which case this Part does not apply.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 87-493.)
- 26 (810 ILCS 5/2A-518) (from Ch. 26, par. 2A-518)
- 27 Sec. 2A-518. Cover; substitute goods.
- 28 (1) After a default by a lessor under the lease contract of 29 the type described in Section 2A-508(1), or, if agreed, after 30 other default by the lessor, the lessee may cover by making any 31 purchase or lease of or contract to purchase or lease goods in 32 substitution for those due from the lessor.
- 33 (2) Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages 34 liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 2A-504) or otherwise 35 determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 1-302

 $\frac{1-102(3)}{2}$ and 2A-503, if a lessee's cover is by a lease 1 2 substantially similar original agreement to the 3 agreement and the new lease agreement is made in good faith and 4 in a commercially reasonable manner, the lessee may recover 5 from the lessor as damages (i) the present value, as of the 6 date of the commencement of the term of the new lease agreement, of the rent under the new lease agreement applicable 7 8 to that period of the new lease term which is comparable to the 9 then remaining term of the original lease agreement minus the present value as of the same date of the total rent for the 10 11 then remaining lease term of the original lease agreement, and 12 (ii) any incidental or consequential damages, less expenses 13 saved in consequence of the lessor's default.

- (3) If a lessee's cover is by lease agreement that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under subsection (2), or is by purchase or otherwise, the lessee may recover from the lessor as if the lessee had elected not to cover and Section 2A-519 governs.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 87-493.)

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- 20 (810 ILCS 5/2A-519) (from Ch. 26, par. 2A-519)
- Sec. 2A-519. Lessee's damages for nondelivery, repudiation, default, and breach of warranty in regard to accepted goods.
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 2A-504) or otherwise determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 1-302 1-102(3)) and 2A-503), if a lessee elects not to cover or a lessee elects to cover and the cover is by lease agreement that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under Section 2A-518(2), or is by purchase or otherwise, the measure of damages for nondelivery or repudiation by the lessor or for rejection or revocation of acceptance by the lessee is the present value, as of the date of the default, of the then market rent minus the present value as of the same date of the original rent, computed for the remaining lease term of the

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- original lease agreement, together with incidental and consequential damages, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.
 - (2) Market rent is to be determined as of the place for tender or, in cases of rejection after arrival or revocation of acceptance, as of the place of arrival.
 - (3) Except as otherwise agreed, if the lessee has accepted goods and given notification (Section 2A-516(3)), the measure of damages for nonconforming tender or delivery or other default by a lessor is the loss resulting in the ordinary course of events from the lessor's default as determined in any manner that is reasonable together with incidental and consequential damages, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default.
 - (4) Except as otherwise agreed, the measure of damages for breach of warranty is the present value at the time and place of acceptance of the difference between the value of the use of the goods accepted and the value if they had been as warranted for the lease term, unless special circumstances show proximate damages of a different amount, together with incidental and consequential damages, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessor's default or breach of warranty.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 87-493.)
- 24 (810 ILCS 5/2A-527) (from Ch. 26, par. 2A-527)
- Sec. 2A-527. Lessor's rights to dispose of goods.
- (1) After a default by a lessee under the lease contract of
 the type described in Section 2A-523(1) or 2A-523(3)(a) or
 after the lessor refuses to deliver or takes possession of
 goods (Section 2A-525 or 2A-526), or, if agreed, after other
 default by a lessee, the lessor may dispose of the goods
 concerned or the undelivered balance thereof by lease, sale, or
 otherwise.
- 33 (2) Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages 34 liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 2A-504) or otherwise 35 determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 1-302

 $\frac{1-102\,\text{(3)}}{2}$ and 2A-503), if the disposition is by lease agreement 1 2 substantially similar to the original lease agreement and the new lease agreement is made in good faith and in a commercially 3 4 reasonable manner, the lessor may recover from the lessee as 5 damages (i) accrued and unpaid rent as of the date of the 6 commencement of the term of the new lease agreement, (ii) the present value, as of the same date, of the total rent for the 7 then remaining lease term of the original lease agreement minus 8 the present value, as of the same date, of the rent under the 9 10 new lease agreement applicable to that period of the new lease 11 term which is comparable to the then remaining term of the 12 original lease agreement, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under 2A-530, Section 13 less expenses saved consequence of the lessee's default. 14

- (3) If the lessor's disposition is by lease agreement that for any reason does not qualify for treatment under subsection (2), or is by sale or otherwise, the lessor may recover from the lessee as if the lessor had elected not to dispose of the goods and Section 2A-528 governs.
- (4) A subsequent buyer or lessee who buys or leases from the lessor in good faith for value as a result of a disposition under this Section takes the goods free of the original lease contract and any rights of the original lessee even though the lessor fails to comply with one or more of the requirements of this Article.
- (5) The lessor is not accountable to the lessee for any profit made on any disposition. A lessee who has rightfully rejected or justifiably revoked acceptance shall account to the lessor for any excess over the amount of the lessee's security interest (Section 2A-508(5)).
- 31 (Source: P.A. 87-493.)

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- 32 (810 ILCS 5/2A-528) (from Ch. 26, par. 2A-528)
- 33 Sec. 2A-528. Lessor's damages for nonacceptance, failure 34 to pay, repudiation, or other default.
- 35 (1) Except as otherwise provided with respect to damages

1 liquidated in the lease agreement (Section 2A-504) or otherwise 2 determined pursuant to agreement of the parties (Sections 1-302 $\frac{1-102(3)}{2}$ and 2A-503), if a lessor elects to retain the goods or 3 a lessor elects to dispose of the goods and the disposition is 4 5 by lease agreement that for any reason does not qualify for 6 treatment under Section 2A-527(2), or is by sale or otherwise, the lessor may recover from the lessee as damages for a default 7 of the type described in Section 2A-523(1) or 2A-523(3)(a) or, 8 9 if agreed, for other default of the lessee, (i) accrued and unpaid rent as of the date of default if the lessee has never 10 11 taken possession of the goods, or, if the lessee has taken 12 possession of the goods, as of the date the lessor repossesses the goods or an earlier date on which the lessee makes a tender 13 of the goods to the lessor, (ii) the present value as of the 14 date determined under clause (i) of the total rent for the then 15 16 remaining lease term of the original lease agreement minus the 17 present value as of the same date of the market rent at the place where the goods are located computed for the same lease 18 19 term, and (iii) any incidental damages allowed under Section 20 2A-530, less expenses saved in consequence of the lessee's default. 21

(2) If the measure of damages provided in subsection (1) is inadequate to put a lessor in as good a position as performance would have, the measure of damages is the present value of the profit, including reasonable overhead, the lessor would have made from full performance by the lessee, together with any incidental damages allowed under Section 2A-530, due allowance for costs reasonably incurred and due credit for payments or proceeds of disposition.

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- 31 (810 ILCS 5/3-103) (from Ch. 26, par. 3-103)
- 32 Sec. 3-103. Definitions.
- 33 (a) In this Article:
- 34 (1) "Acceptor" means a drawee that has accepted a draft.

- 1 (2) "Drawee" means a person ordered in a draft to make 2 payment.
 - (3) "Drawer" means a person who signs or is identified in a draft as a person ordering payment.
 - (4) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.
 - (5) "Maker" means a person who signs or is identified in a note as a person undertaking to pay.
 - (6) "Order" means a written instruction to pay money signed by the person giving the instruction. The instruction may be addressed to any person, including the person giving the instruction, or to one or more persons jointly or in the alternative but not in succession. An authorization to pay is not an order unless the person authorized to pay is also instructed to pay.
 - (7) "Ordinary care" in the case of a person engaged in business means observance of reasonable commercial standards, prevailing in the area in which the person is located with respect to the business in which the person is engaged. In the case of a bank that takes an instrument for processing for collection or payment by automated means, reasonable commercial standards do not require the bank to examine the instrument if the failure to examine does not violate the bank's prescribed procedures and the bank's procedures do not vary unreasonably from general banking usage not disapproved by this Article or Article 4.
 - (8) "Party" means a party to an instrument.
 - (9) "Promise" means a written undertaking to pay money signed by the person undertaking to pay. An acknowledgment of an obligation by the obligor is not a promise unless the obligor also undertakes to pay the obligation.
 - (10) "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the burden of establishing the fact (Section 1-201(b)(8)).
 - (11) "Remitter" means a person that purchases an instrument from its issuer if the instrument is payable to

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1 an identified person other than the purchaser.

2 (b) Other definitions applying to this Article and the 3 Sections in which they appear are: "Acceptance" Section 3-409

4 5 "Accommodated party" Section 3-419 Section 3-419 6 "Accommodation party" 7 "Alteration" Section 3-407 8 "Anomalous indorsement" Section 3-205 "Blank indorsement" 9 Section 3-205 "Cashier's check" Section 3-104 10 "Certificate of deposit" Section 3-104 11 12 "Certified check" Section 3-409 "Check" Section 3-104 13 "Consideration" Section 3-303 14 15 "Draft" Section 3-104 "Holder in due course" Section 3-302 16 17 "Incomplete instrument" Section 3-115 "Indorsement" 18

Section 3-204 "Indorser" 19 Section 3-204 "Instrument" Section 3-104 20 "Issue" 21 Section 3-105 22 "Issuer" Section 3-105

"Negotiable instrument" Section 3-104 Section 3-201 "Negotiation"

Section 3-108

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25 "Note" Section 3-104 26 "Payable at a definite time" Section 3-108

"Payable on demand"

"Payable to order"

Section 3-109 28 "Payable to bearer"

30 "Payment" Section 3-602

"Person entitled to enforce" 31 Section 3-301

32 "Presentment" Section 3-501 "Reacquisition" Section 3-207 33

"Special indorsement" Section 3-205 34

"Teller's check" Section 3-104 35

"Transfer of instrument" Section 3-203 36

Section 3-104 1 "Traveler's check" 2 "Value" Section 3-303 (c) The following definitions in other Articles apply to 3 this Article: 4 5 "Bank" Section 4-105 "Banking day" Section 4-104 6 "Clearing house" Section 4-104 7 "Collecting bank" Section 4-1059 "Depositary bank" Section 4-105 Section 4-104 10 "Documentary draft" 11 "Intermediary bank" Section 4-105 12 "Item" Section 4-104 "Payor bank" Section 4-10513 Section 4-104. "Suspends payments" 14 (d) In addition, Article 1 contains general definitions and 15 16 principles of construction and interpretation applicable 17 throughout this Article. (Source: P.A. 87-582; 87-1135.) 18

- 19 (810 ILCS 5/4A-105) (from Ch. 26, par. 4A-105)
- Sec. 4A-105. Other definitions.
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- (1) "Authorized account" means a deposit account of a customer in a bank designated by the customer as a source of payment of payment orders issued by the customer to the bank. If a customer does not so designate an account, any account of the customer is an authorized account if payment of a payment order from that account is not inconsistent with a restriction on the use of that account.
- (2) "Bank" means a person engaged in the business of banking and includes a savings bank, savings and loan association, credit union, and trust company. A branch or separate office of a bank is a separate bank for purposes of this Article.
- (3) "Customer" means a person, including a bank, having an account with a bank or from whom a bank has agreed to

receive payment orders.

- (4) "Funds transfer business day" of a receiving bank means the part of a day during which the receiving bank is open for the receipt, processing, and transmittal of payment orders and cancellations and amendments of payment orders.
- (5) "Funds transfer system" means a wire transfer network, automated clearinghouse, or other communication system of a clearing house or other association of banks through which a payment order by a bank may be transmitted to the bank to which the order is addressed.
- (6) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.
- (7) "Prove" with respect to a fact means to meet the burden of establishing the fact (Section 1-201(b)(8)).
- (b) Other definitions applying to this Article and the Sections in which they appear are:

19	"Acceptance"	Section	4A-209
20	"Beneficiary"	Section	4A-103
21	"Beneficiary's bank"	Section	4A-103
22	"Executed"	Section	4A-301
23	"Execution date"	Section	4A-301
24	"Funds transfer"	Section	4A-104
25	"Funds transfer system rule"	Section	4A-501
26	"Intermediary bank"	Section	4A-104
27	"Originator"	Section	4A-104
28	"Originator's bank"	Section	4A-104
29	"Payment by beneficiary's bank		
30	to beneficiary"	Section	4A-405
31	"Payment by originator to		
32	beneficiary"	Section	4A-406
33	"Payment by sender		
34	to receiving bank"	Section	4A-403
35	"Payment date"	Section	4A-401
36	"Payment order"	Section	4A-103

1 "Receiving bank" Section 4A-103

2 "Security procedure" Section 4A-201

3 "Sender" Section 4A-103

4 (c) The following definitions in Article 4 apply to this

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6 "Clearing house" Section 4-104

7 "Item" Section 4-104

8 "Suspends payments" Section 4-104

9 (d) In addition, Article 1 contains general definitions and 10 principles of construction and interpretation applicable

11 throughout this Article.

12 (Source: P.A. 86-1291.)

- 13 (810 ILCS 5/4A-106) (from Ch. 26, par. 4A-106)
- Sec. 4A-106. Time payment order is received.
- 15 (a) The time of receipt of a payment order or communication cancelling or amending a payment order is determined by the 16 17 rules applicable to receipt of a notice stated in Section 1-202 1-201(27). A receiving bank may fix a cut-off time or times on 18 a funds transfer business day for the receipt and processing of 19 20 orders and communications cancelling or 21 payment orders. Different cut-off times may apply to payment orders, cancellations, or amendments, or to different 22 23 categories of payment orders, cancellations, or amendments. A cut-off time may apply to senders generally or different 24 25 cut-off times may apply to different senders or categories of 26 payment orders. If a payment order or communication cancelling 27 or amending a payment order is received after the close of a 28 funds transfer business day or after the appropriate cut-off time on a funds transfer business day, the receiving bank may 29 treat the payment order or communication as received at the 30 31 opening of the next funds transfer business day.
 - (b) If this Article refers to an execution date or payment date or states a day on which a receiving bank is required to take action, and the date or day does not fall on a funds transfer business day, the next day that is a funds transfer

- 1 business day is treated as the date or day stated, unless the
- 2 contrary is stated in this Article.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 86-1291.)
- 4 (810 ILCS 5/4A-204) (from Ch. 26, par. 4A-204)
- Sec. 4A-204. Refund of payment and duty of customer to report with respect to an unauthorized payment order.
- 7 (a) If a receiving bank accepts a payment order issued in the name of its customer as sender which is (i) not authorized 8 and not effective as the order of the customer under Section 9 10 4A-202, or (ii) not enforceable, in whole or in part, against 11 the customer under Section 4A-203, the bank shall refund any payment of the payment order received from the customer to the 12 extent the bank is not entitled to enforce payment and shall 13 pay interest on the refundable amount calculated from the date 14 15 the bank received payment to the date of the refund. However, 16 the customer is not entitled to interest from the bank on the amount to be refunded if the customer fails to exercise 17 18 ordinary care to determine that the order was not authorized by 19 the customer and to notify the bank of the relevant facts within a reasonable time not exceeding 90 days after the date 20 the customer received notification from the bank that the order 21 22 was accepted or that the customer's account was debited with 23 respect to the order. The bank is not entitled to any recovery from the customer on account of a failure by the customer to 24 25 give notification as stated in this Section.
 - (b) Reasonable time under subsection (a) may be fixed by agreement as stated in Section 1-302 (b) 1-204 (1), but the obligation of a receiving bank to refund payment as stated in subsection (a) may not otherwise be varied by agreement.
- 30 (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)
- 31 (810 ILCS 5/5-103) (from Ch. 26, par. 5-103)
- 32 Sec. 5-103. Scope.

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33 (a) This Article applies to letters of credit and to 34 certain rights and obligations arising out of transactions

1 involving letters of credit.

- (b) The statement of a rule in this Article does not by itself require, imply, or negate application of the same or a different rule to a situation not provided for, or to a person not specified, in this Article.
- (c) With the exception of this subsection, subsections (a) and (d), Sections 5-102(a)(9) and (10), 5-106(d), and 5-114(d), and except to the extent prohibited in Sections 1-302 1-102(3) and 5-117(d), the effect of this Article may be varied by agreement or by a provision stated or incorporated by reference in an undertaking. A term in an agreement or undertaking generally excusing liability or generally limiting remedies for failure to perform obligations is not sufficient to vary obligations prescribed by this Article.
 - (d) Rights and obligations of an issuer to a beneficiary or a nominated person under a letter of credit are independent of the existence, performance, or nonperformance of a contract or arrangement out of which the letter of credit arises or which underlies it, including contracts or arrangements between the issuer and the applicant and between the applicant and the beneficiary.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 89-534, eff. 1-1-97.)