

# Utah Governor Cox Signs Bill to Repeal Collection Agency Registration Requirements

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On separate occasions during legislative sessions, Bill Sponsor Rep. Cory Maloy reasoned, “[the bill] takes out some of the redundancy in regulations that are not used or not necessary,” and Floor Sponsor Sen. Curtis Bramble explained that the statutes to be repealed are “extraneous.” The only collection agency statutes that will remain from Title 12 of the Utah Code are those regarding the limitations and terms of collection fees and convenience fees imposed by creditors or third-party debt collection agencies. See Utah Code § 12-1-11. To date, the Division has not issued guidance for current Utah collection agency registrants, including those in the process of renewals, or indicated any changes for collection agency filing requirements beginning May 3.

We will continue to monitor updates from the Utah Division of Corporations.

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