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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLECTION BILL EFFECTIVE DATE DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2021

DC has amended its collections bill and the effective date has been delayed until October 1, 2021. The mayor has not yet signed the bill but is expected to sign the amended bill.

Key changes in the amended bill include the following:

- Calls initiated by a consumer or made by a debt collector at the request of a consumer do not count toward the call caps;
- Instead of the specific information required to be provided to consumers for credit card debt, collectors will be allowed to inform consumers that certain information about the debt is *available*.

Let us know if you need further information or assistance. We will continue to update you on the status of the bill

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