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Abstract: Provides relative to financial institutions transaction.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "adverse action", "discriminate in the provision of financial services", "financial institution", "financial service", "person", and "protected from government interference".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if a financial institution takes an adverse action against a person, that person may request a statement of specific reasons within 90 days after receiving notice of the refusal to provide, restriction of, or termination of service.

<u>Proposed law provides that a financial institution shall not:</u>

- (1) Discriminate in the provision of financial services to a person.
- (2) Agree, conspire, or coordinate, directly or indirectly, including through any intermediary or third party, with another person, or group of persons, to engage in activity prohibited by proposed law.
- (3) Provide false or misleading information in the report required in proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any violation of <u>proposed law</u> shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice declared unlawful by <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for what civil actions any person harmed by a violation of <u>proposed law</u> may initiate.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if a financial institution can show by clear and convincing evidence that the plaintiff filed a civil action pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> in bad faith, it shall be entitled to fees and costs.

Provides for severability.

(Adds R.S. 51:1430)