HOUSE BILL NO. HB0013

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A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; modifying
- 2 filing requirements to allow for electronic filings of
- 3 effective financing statements; and providing for an
- 4 effective date.

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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 8 **Section 1.** W.S. 34-21-1101(a)(v)(A) through (C),
- 9 (D)(III), (E) and (G), 34-21-1102(a)(i), (iii) and (v),
- 10 34-21-1103(b) and 34-21-1104(b) are amended to read:

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12 **34-21-1101.** Definitions.

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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(v) "Effective financing statement" means a
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    statement that:
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                  (A)
                       Is an original or reproduced copy
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    thereof signed, authorized or otherwise authenticated by
    the secured party;
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                  (B) Is signed and filed by the secured
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    party in the office of the secretary of state;
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                  (C) Is signed, authorized or otherwise
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    authenticated by the debtor;
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                  (D) Contains:
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                       (III) The social security number of
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    the debtor or, in the case of a debtor doing business other
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    than as an individual, the United States Internal Revenue
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    Service taxpayer An approved unique identification number
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    of the debtor;
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                  (E) Shall be amended in writing and filed,
    within three (3) months to reflect material changes;
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    similarly signed and filed;
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(G) Lapses on either the expiration of the effective period of the statement or the filing of a notice signed, authorized or otherwise authenticated by the secured party that the statement is terminated, whichever occurs first;

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8 34-21-1102. Central filing system; establishment.

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10 (a) The secretary of state shall establish and
11 operate a central filing system for effective financing
12 statements. The system shall provide a means for filing
13 effective financing statements or notices of such financing
14 statements on a statewide basis. The system shall include
15 requirements that:

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17 (i) An effective financing statement or notice of a financing statement shall be filed in the office of 18 the secretary of state. A debtor's residence is presumed 19 20 to be the residence shown on the filing. The validity of the filing is not affected if the residence indicated is 21 22 improper or inaccurate. The secretary of state shall mark the statement or notice with a consecutive file number and 23 24 the date and hour of filing and shall hold the statement or

1 notice or a microfilm or other photographic copy thereof for public inspection. In addition, the secretary of state 2 shall index the statements and notices according to the 3 name of the debtor and shall note in the index the file 4 5 number and the address of the debtor given in statement; 6 7 The secretary of state shall distribute to 8 (iii) 9 registrants the information on the master list in lists by farm product arranged either alphabetically by debtor or 10 11 numerically by the debtor's social security number for individual debtors or, in the case of debtors doing 12 business other than as individuals, the United States 13 14 Internal Revenue Service taxpayer approved unique 15 identification number. of such debtors. If a registered buyer so requests, the list or lists for such buyer may be 16 17 limited to any county or group of counties where the farm product is used or produced or to any crop year or years or 18 a combination of those identifiers; 19 21 (∇) The lists requested by registrants under

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22 paragraph (a) (iv) of this section shall be distributed by the secretary of state on a monthly basis and shall be in 23 24 written or printed form. A registrant may choose in lieu

1 of receiving a written or printed form to receive lists on microfiche. The secretary of state may by rule provide for 2 the distribution of the lists on any other medium and 3 4 establish reasonable charges therefor. The secretary of 5 state shall, by rule, establish the dates upon which the monthly distribution will be made, the dates after which a 6 filing of an effective financing statement will not be 7 reflected on the next monthly distribution of lists and the 8 9 dates by which a registrant must complete a registration to 10 receive the next monthly list; and

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12 **34-21-1103. Filing.**

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14 (b) A continuation statement may be filed by the secured party within six (6) months immediately prior to 15 the expiration of the five (5) year period specified in 16 17 W.S. 34-21-1101(a)(v)(F). Any continuation statement shall be signed by the secured party and the debtor or debtors, 18 19 identify the original statement by file number and state 20 that the original statement is still effective. After the 21 secretary of state receives approval from the United States 22 department of agriculture that the amendment to the central 23 filing system complies with section 1324 of the Food 24 Security Act of 1985, Public Law 99 198, 7 U.S.C. § 1631,

1 The continuation statement need not be signed by the secured party or the debtor, whether filed by electronic 2 3 means or filed in written form. Upon timely filing of the continuation statement, the effectiveness of the original 4 5 statement shall be continued for five (5) years after the last date to which the filing was effective whereupon it 6 shall lapse unless another continuation statement is filed 7 in accordance with this subsection. If an effective 8 9 financing statement exists at the time insolvency 10 proceedings are commenced by or against the debtor, the 11 effective financing statement shall remain effective until termination of the insolvency proceedings and thereafter 12 13 for a period of sixty (60) days or until the expiration of 14 the five (5) year period, whichever occurs Succeeding continuation statements may be filed in the same 15 manner to continue the effectiveness of the original 16 17 statement.

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19 34-21-1104. Termination; notice.

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21 (b) If the secured party does not furnish the notice 22 or obtain the waiver specified in subsection (a) of this 23 section, the secured party shall, within ten (10) days of 24 final payment of all secured obligations, file a notice of

lapse termination with the secretary of state. The secured 1 2 party shall on written demand by the debtor send the debtor a notice of lapse termination to the effect that he no 3 4 longer claims a security interest under the effective 5 financing statement, which shall be identified by file number. The notice of lapse termination is valid if signed 6 7 by the secured party. 8

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2015. 9

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