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15 U.S. Code § 1611 - Criminal liability for willful and knowing violation

Whoever willfully and knowingly

**(1)**

gives false or inaccurate information or fails to provide information which he is required to disclose under the provisions of this subchapter or any regulation issued thereunder,

**(2)**

uses any chart or table authorized by the [Bureau](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-2001072282-852328093&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1611) under [section 1606 of this title](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/15/1606) in such a manner as to consistently understate the[annual percentage rate](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1922427493-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1611)determined under [section 1606(a)(1)(A) of this title](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/15/1606#a_1_A), or

**(3)**

otherwise fails to comply with any requirement imposed under this subchapter,

shall be fined not more than $5,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

**Cannot require a cash down payment in a credit transaction. And cannot require insurance because it is already included in the finance charge**.

15 U.S. Code § 1605 - Determination of finance charge

**(a)“Finance charge” defined** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the amount of the [finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) in connection with any consumer [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) transaction shall be determined as the sum of all charges, payable directly or indirectly by the [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-991716523-852328090&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) to whom the[credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605)is extended, and imposed directly or indirectly by the[creditor](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=)as an incident to the extension of[credit.](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) **The**[**finance charge**](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)**does not include charges of a type payable in a comparable cash transaction**. The[finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)shall not include fees and amounts imposed by third party closing agents (including settlement agents, attorneys, and escrow and title companies) if the[creditor](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=)does not require the imposition of the charges or the services provided and does not retain the charges. Examples of charges which are included in the[finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)include any of the following types of charges which are applicable:

**(1)**

Interest, time price differential, and any amount payable under a point, discount, or other system or additional charges.

**(2)**

Service or carrying charge.

**(3)**

Loan fee, finder’s fee, or similar charge.

**(4)**

Fee for an investigation or [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) report.

**(5)**

Premium or other charge for any guarantee or insurance protecting the [creditor](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) against the obligor’s default or other [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) loss.

**(6)**

Borrower-paid mortgage broker fees, including fees paid directly to the broker or the lender (for delivery to the broker) whether such fees are paid in cash or financed.

**(b)Life, accident, or health insurance premiums included in finance charge**Charges or premiums for [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) life, accident, or health insurance written in connection with any consumer [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) transaction shall be included in the[finance charges](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)unless

**(1)**

the coverage of the debtor by the insurance is not a factor in the approval by the [creditor](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) of the extension of [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=), and this fact is clearly disclosed in writing to the [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-991716523-852328090&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) applying for or obtaining the extension of[credit;](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) and

**(2)**

in order to obtain the insurance in connection with the extension of [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=), the [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-991716523-852328090&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) to whom the[credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605)is extended must give specific affirmative written indication of his desire to do so after written disclosure to him of the cost thereof.

**(c)Property damage and liability insurance premiums included in finance charge**

Charges or premiums for insurance, written in connection with any consumer [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) transaction, against loss of or damage to property or against liability arising out of the ownership or use of property, shall be included in the[finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)unless a clear and specific statement in writing is furnished by the[creditor](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=)to the [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-991716523-852328090&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) to whom the[credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605)is extended, setting forth the cost of the insurance if obtained from or through the[creditor,](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) and stating that the [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-991716523-852328090&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) to whom the[credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605)is extended may choose the [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-991716523-852328090&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) through which the insurance is to be obtained.

**(d)Items exempted from computation of finance charge in all credit transactions**If any of the following items is itemized and disclosed in accordance with the regulations of the [Bureau](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-2001072282-852328093&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) in connection with any transaction, then the[creditor](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=)need not include that item in the computation of the[finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)with respect to that transaction:

**(1)**

Fees and charges prescribed by law which actually are or will be paid to public officials for determining the existence of or for perfecting or releasing or satisfying any security related to the [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) transaction.

**(2)**

The premium payable for any insurance in lieu of perfecting any security interest otherwise required by the [creditor](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1822875292-852328088&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) in connection with the transaction, if the premium does not exceed the fees and charges described in paragraph (1) which would otherwise be payable.

**(3)**

Any tax levied on security instruments or on documents evidencing indebtedness if the payment of such taxes is a precondition for recording the instrument securing the evidence of indebtedness.

**(e)Items exempted from computation of finance charge in extensions of credit secured by an interest in real property**The following items, when charged in connection with any extension of [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) secured by an interest in real property, shall not be included in the computation of the[finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)with respect to that transaction:

**(1)**

Fees or premiums for title examination, title insurance, or similar purposes.

**(2)**

Fees for preparation of loan-related documents.

**(3)**

Escrows for future payments of taxes and insurance.

**(4)**

Fees for notarizing deeds and other documents.

**(5)**

Appraisal fees, including fees related to any pest infestation or flood hazard inspections conducted prior to closing.

**(6)**

[Credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) reports.

**(f)Tolerances for accuracy**In connection with [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) transactions not under an [open end credit plan](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1597085269-852328085&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) that are secured by real property or a[dwelling,](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-579263632-852328072&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) the disclosure of the[finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=)and other disclosures affected by any[finance charge—](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605)

**(1)**shall be treated as being accurate for purposes of this subchapter if the amount disclosed as the [finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605)—

**(A)**

does not vary from the actual [finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) by more than $100; or

**(B)**

is greater than the amount required to be disclosed under this subchapter; and

**(2)**shall be treated as being accurate for purposes of [section 1635 of this title](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/15/1635) if—

**(A)**

except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amount disclosed as the [finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) does not vary from the actual [finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) by more than an amount equal to one-half of one percent of the total amount of [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) extended; or

**(B)**in the case of a transaction, other than a mortgage referred to in [section 1602(aa)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/15/1602#aa) [[1]](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/15/1605" \l "fn002324) of this title, which—

**(i)**

is a refinancing of the principal balance then due and any accrued and unpaid [finance charges](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=) of a [residential mortgage transaction](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1909923062-852328071&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) as defined in [section 1602(w)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/15/1602#w) 1 of this title, or is any subsequent refinancing of such a transaction; and

**(ii)**

does not provide any new consolidation or new advance;

if the amount disclosed as the [finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) does not vary from the actual [finance charge](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-546542010-852238721&term_occur=999&term_src=title:15:chapter:41:subchapter:I:part:A:section:1605) by more than an amount equal to one percent of the total amount of [credit](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15-USC-1352291591-852328089&term_occur=999&term_src=) extended.

**Federal Reserve Notes are obligations of the United States. Not the people.**

18 U.S. Code § 8 - Obligation or other security of the United States defined

The term “[obligation or other security of the United States](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=18-USC-118361372-1912303257&term_occur=999&term_src=title:18:part:I:chapter:1:section:8)” includes all bonds, certificates of indebtedness, national bank currency, Federal Reserve notes, Federal Reserve bank notes, coupons,[United States](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=18-USC-2032517217-1912303260&term_occur=999&term_src=title:18:part:I:chapter:1:section:8)notes, Treasury notes, gold certificates, silver certificates, fractional notes, certificates of deposit, bills, checks, or drafts for money, drawn by or upon authorized officers of the[United States,](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=18-USC-2032517217-1912303260&term_occur=999&term_src=title:18:part:I:chapter:1:section:8) stamps and other representatives of value, of whatever denomination, issued under any Act of Congress, and canceled[United States](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=18-USC-2032517217-1912303260&term_occur=999&term_src=title:18:part:I:chapter:1:section:8)stamps.

**The United States is required to pay all principle and interest on its obligations.**

31 U.S. Code § 3123 - Payment of obligations and interest on the public debt

**(a)**

The faith of the United States Government is pledged to pay, in legal tender, principal and interest on the obligations of the Government issued under this chapter.

**(b)**

The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay interest due or accrued on the public debt. As the Secretary considers expedient, the Secretary may pay in advance interest on the public debt by a period of not more than one year, with or without a rebate of interest on the coupons.

**(c)**

**(1)**

The Secretary may issue a bond, note, or certificate of indebtedness authorized under this chapter whose principal and interest are payable in a foreign currency stated in the bond, note, or certificate. The Secretary may dispose of the bonds, notes, and certificates at a price that is at least par value without complying with section 3102(b)–(d) of this title.

**(2)**

In determining the dollar amount of bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness that may be issued under this chapter, the dollar equivalent of the amount of bonds, notes, and certificates payable in a foreign currency is determined by the par of the exchange value on the date of issue of the bonds, notes, or certificates as published by the Secretary under [section 5151 of this title](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/31/5151).

**(3)**

The Secretary may designate depositaries in foreign countries in which any part of the proceeds of bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness payable in the foreign currency may be deposited.