

Let's **END** Predatory Lending in South Carolina.

FACT: 77%
of voters support
regulating the
high-cost lending
industry once they
learn the facts

**State Legislators
must cap rates at 36% in
the 2022 legislative session.**

The Palmetto State can put a **STOP** to inescapable debt traps caused by predatory lenders.

Did you know?



There are currently **NO** limitations on interest rates in South Carolina, with typical payday loan rates at 395% or more. Lenders in South Carolina can charge any interest rate they want as long as it is filed with the SC Consumer Affairs Commission.



Payday and auto title loans alone drain \$245 million dollars a year from our economy. Financial stress from these predatory loans has an impact on health, business productivity and families.



A payday loan can look like a way to avoid asking loved ones for help. But when someone cannot repay their payday loan they are often sent to another lender offering installment loans that carry additional fees and extreme interest rates. The debt trap often contributes to eviction and creates barriers to homeownership.



Auto title lenders often target people with bad credit, low-income individuals, and elderly people. These lenders make money from high interest rates and the repossession of cars when consumers cannot pay off the loans.

Let's #CapRatesSC!

A 36% cap on annual percentage rates (APR) will offer consumers the ability to pay off loans without having to pay extreme interest rates on top of their initial loan. Including all fees will allow borrowers to pay off loans without having to refinance them and incur more fees and extreme interest rates on top of their initial loan.

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About the South Carolina Fair Lending Alliance



Our Alliance is comprised of various faith communities, non-profits, community development organizations and individuals that support a rate cap of 36% inclusive of all fees. Collectively, this alliance represents neighbors all across the state.

For years, people all across South Carolina have been harmed by high-cost, predatory loans. Some South Carolinians have been targeted, including low-income families and people of color. They have entered inescapable debt traps because of predatory practices by financial institutions such as payday, car title, and consumer installment lenders. With interest rates and fees soaring to levels of 395% and lenders draining more than \$245 million dollars a year from our state economy, it's time to address this issue and put a STOP to predatory lending.

OUR MISSION: All South Carolina Citizens Deserve Protection

Currently, some of South Carolina citizens are protected from abusive loans because they are covered by the federal Military Lending Act that applies to all active-duty military and their dependents with a 36% all-inclusive rate cap. The SC Fair Lending Alliance contends that every citizen in South Carolina deserves the same protections, including our teachers, nurses, law enforcement officers, restaurant workers, and elderly.

It's time to end the debt trap!

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Charleston Area Justice Ministry
CommunityWorks
Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County
Habitat for Humanity SC
Jolley Foundation
MICAH Program
Reid Chapel AME
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