**Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit issues consumer alert regarding Western Sky Financial**

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK- The Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit has issued a consumer alert regarding a South Dakota installment loan company known as “Western Sky Financial” based in Timber Lake, South Dakota. The company offers consumer installment loans via its Internet website at [www.westernsky.com](http://www.westernsky.com). The company also conducts television advertising regarding its consumer installment loans to Oklahoma residents.

Oklahoma consumers should be aware that Western Sky Financial is not licensed by the Department of Consumer Credit to make consumer installment loans. Unlicensed loan companies often impose fees that are in excess of what is allowed under Oklahoma law. Oklahoma consumers should verify that loan companies are licensed with the Department of Consumer Credit before entering into loan transactions.

Oklahoma consumers that have entered into loan agreements with Western Sky Financial and believe that unlawful or excessive fees have been imposed in connection with their loan agreements should also contact the Department. The Department’s toll free telephone number for consumers is 1-800-448-4904. The Department’s Internet website is [www.ok.gov/okdocc](http://www.ok.gov/okdocc).