

present, permissible purpose to receive the reports.

4. Statute Providing Access for Enforcement Purposes

A State "little FCRA" that permits State officials access to a consumer reporting agency's files for the purpose of enforcing that statute just as Federal agencies are permitted access to such files under the FCRA, is not pre-empted by the FCRA.

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PART 601—SUMMARY OF CONSUMER RIGHTS, NOTICE OF USER RESPONSIBILITIES, AND NOTICE OF FURNISHER RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

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AUTHORITY: 15 U.S.C. 1681g and 1681s.

SOURCE: 62 FR 35589, July 1, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

§ 601.1 Authority and purpose.

(a) *Authority.* This part is issued by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), as most recently amended by the Consumer Credit Reporting Reform Act of 1996 (Title II, Subtitle D, Chapter 1, of the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997), Public Law 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009-426 (Sept. 30, 1996).

(b) *Purpose.* The purpose of this part is to comply with sections 607(c) and

609(c) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, as amended. Section 609(c)(3) directs the FTC to prescribe the form and content of a summary of consumers' legal rights under the FCRA that the amended law requires each consumer reporting agency to provide when disclosing the information in its file to consumers, and section 609(c)(4) provides that the summary need not be provided until the FTC has in fact prescribed its form and content. Section 607(d)(2) directs the FTC to prescribe the content of notices that consumer reporting agencies are required to provide to parties that supply information to, or purchase consumer reports from, the agency. These notices will set forth the responsibilities under the FCRA of all persons who furnish information to consumer reporting agencies or use information subject to the FCRA.

§ 601.2 Legal effect.

The forms prescribed by the FTC do not constitute a trade regulation rule. They carry out the directive in the statute that the FTC prescribe the summary and notices. A consumer reporting agency that provides notices substantially similar to those prescribed by the FTC will be in compliance with Section 607(d) or 609(c) of the FCRA, as applicable.

APPENDIX A TO PART 601—PRESCRIBED SUMMARY OF CONSUMER RIGHTS

The prescribed form for this summary is as a separate document, on paper no smaller than 8½ × 11 inches in size, with text no less than 12-point type (8-point for the chart of federal agencies), in bold or capital letters as indicated. The form in this appendix prescribes both the content and the sequence of items in the required summary. A summary may accurately reflect changes in numerical items that change over time (e.g., dollar amounts, or phone numbers and addresses of federal agencies), and remain in compliance.