

RCW 62A.3-415 Obligation of indorser. (a) Subject to subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) and to RCW 62A.3-419(d), if an instrument is dishonored, an indorser is obliged to pay the amount due on the instrument (i) according to the terms of the instrument at the time it was indorsed, or (ii) if the indorser indorsed an incomplete instrument, according to its terms when completed, to the extent stated in RCW 62A.3-115 and 62A.3-407. The obligation of the indorser is owed to a person entitled to enforce the instrument or to a subsequent indorser who paid the instrument under this section.

(b) If an indorsement states that it is made "without recourse" or otherwise disclaims liability of the indorser, the indorser is not liable under subsection (a) to pay the instrument.

(c) If notice of dishonor of an instrument is required by RCW 62A.3-503 and notice of dishonor complying with that section is not given to an indorser, the liability of the indorser under subsection (a) is discharged.

(d) If a draft is accepted by a bank after an indorsement is made, the liability of the indorser under subsection (a) is discharged.

(e) If an indorser of a check is liable under subsection (a) and the check is not presented for payment, or given to a depository bank for collection, within 30 days after the day the indorsement was made, the liability of the indorser under subsection (a) is discharged.

[1993 c 229 s 55; 1965 ex.s. c 157 s 3-415. Cf. former RCW sections: (i) RCW 62.01.028; 1955 c 35 s 62.01.028; prior: 1899 c 149 s 28; RRS s 3419. (ii) RCW 62.01.029; 1955 c 35 s 62.01.029; prior: 1899 c 149 s 29; RRS s 3420. (iii) RCW 62.01.064; 1955 c 35 s 62.01.064; prior: 1899 c 149 s 64; RRS s 3455.]

Recovery of attorneys' fees—Effective date—1993 c 229: See RCW 62A.11-111 and 62A.11-112.