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- 1 by section 4, and contains adequate provisions for enforce-
- 2 ment.
- 3 (c) Except as specified in section 7, nothing contained
- 4 in this Act or any regulations issued thereunder shall affect
- 5 the validity or enforcibility of any contract or obligation
- 6 under State or Federal law.

7 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES

- 8 Sec. 7. (a) (1) Any creditor who, in connection with
- 9 any credit transaction, knowingly fails in violation of this
- 10 Act, or any regulation issued thereunder, to disclose any
- 11 information to any person to whom such information is
- 12 required to be given shall be liable to such person in the
- 13 amount of \$100, or in any amount equal to twice the finance
- 14 charge required by such creditor in connection with such
- 15 transaction, whichever is the greater, except that such lia-
- bility shall not exceed \$1,000 on any credit transaction.
- 17 (2) In any action brought under this subsection in which
- 18 it is shown that the creditor disclosed a percentage rate or
- 19 amount less than that required to be disclosed by section 4 or
- 20 regulations prescribed by the Board (after taking into ac-
- 21 count permissible tolerances), or failed to disclose information
- 22 so required, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that such
- 23 violation was made knowingly. Such presumption shall be
- 24 rebutted if the creditor shows by a preponderance of evidence
- 25 that the violation was not intentional and resulted from a