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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Privacy of Consumer Financial Information

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CLOUGH of Scarborough, MURPHY of
Kennebunk, SIMPSON of Auburn, SMITH of Van Buren, Senators: EDMONDS of
Cumberland, HALL of Lincoln.

Be i	it enacte	d by	the	People	of the	State of	of Maine	as follows:
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PART A

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Sec. A-1. 9-A MRSA §3-314, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. A, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3-314. Privacy of consumer financial information

10 1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic 12 personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a creditor shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et 14 seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of 16 Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 18 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, 20 Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of 22 Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); 24 the Federal Trade Commission, 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 26 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001), if the creditor is a financial institution as defined in those regulations. This subsection is not intended to permit the release of health care 28 information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or 30 Title 24-A, chapter 24. This subsection does not apply to a supervised financial organization.

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2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A creditor required to comply with subsection 1 may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a creditor to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.

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3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate," "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).

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Sec. A-2. 9-A MRSA §9-310, as corrected by RR 2001, c. 1. §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§9-310. Privacy of consumer financial information

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- 1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic 6 personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a creditor shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et 8 seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the 10 Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 12 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, 14 Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of 16 Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); 18 the Federal Trade Commission, 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001), if the creditor is 20 a financial institution as defined in those regulations. This 22 subsection is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or 24 Title 24-A, chapter 24.
- 26 2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A creditor required to comply with subsection 1 may not disclose, 28 directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the 30 information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This 32 subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a creditor to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the 34 extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, 36 subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.
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 3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate,"

 40 "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act,

 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).
- Sec. A-3. 9-A MRSA §10-306, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. A, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§10-306. Privacy of consumer financial information

1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic

- personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a credit 2 services organization shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 4 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal 6 Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the 8 Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of 10 Federal Regulations, Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the 12 National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); the Federal Trade Commission, 16 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 16 (2001), if the credit services organization is a financial institution as defined in those regulations. This subsection is 18 not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or Title 24-A, 20 chapter 24.
- 22 2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A credit services organization required to comply with subsection 1 may 24 not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively 26 consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that 28 consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a credit services organization to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is 30 permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States 32 Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.
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 3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate,"

 36 "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act,

 38 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).
- Sec. A-4. 9-A MRSA §11-122, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. A, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§11-122. Privacy of consumer financial information

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1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a merchant who enters into a rental-purchase agreement with a consumer shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the

applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information 2 regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the 4 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 332 6 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the National Credit Union 8 Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); 10 the Federal Trade Commission, 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001), if the merchant is 12 a financial institution as defined in those regulations. This 14 subsection is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or 16 Title 24-A, chapter 24. This subsection does not apply to a supervised financial organization.

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2. Opt in: disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A merchant required to comply with subsection 1 may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a merchant to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.

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3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate," "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).

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Sec. A-5. 9-B MRSA §161. sub-§2, ¶M, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

40 The Except as provided in section 162-A, the sharing of information to the extent permitted by the provisions of 42 the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing 44 federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 46 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal 48 Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 332 50 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of Federal

Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); the Federal Trade Commission, 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001). This paragraph is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or Title 24-A, chapter 24; or

Sec. A-6. 9-B MRSA §162-A is enacted to read:

§162-A. Disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd party

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- 1. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A financial institution authorized to do business in this State or credit union authorized to do business in this State may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a financial institution authorized to do business in this State or credit union authorized to do business in this State to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is otherwise permitted by this chapter or the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.
- 2. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate,"

 32 "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act,

 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).
 - Sec. A-7. 9-B MRSA §241, sub-§13, as reallocated by RR 2001, c. 1, §15, is amended to read:

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Privacy of consumer information. institution authorized to do business in this State or a credit union authorized to do business in this State shall comply with provisions of section 162-A and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of

2	Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); or the National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716					
4	(2001). This subsection is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section					
6	1711-C or Title 24-A, chapter 24.					
8	Any violation of this subsection is an anticompetitive of deceptive practice for the purposes of this chapter and is subject to the remedies provided in this chapter in addition to					
10	remedies otherwise provided by law.					
12	Sec. A-8. 24-A MRSA §2215, sub-§1, $\P J$, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 677, §3 and affected by §5, is repealed.					
14	Sec. A-9. 24-A MRSA §2215, sub-§1, ¶P, as amended by PL 2001,					
16	c. 457, §21, is further amended to read:					
18	P. To an affiliate whose only use of the information will be in connection with an audit of the regulated insurance					
20	entity or the marketing of a product or service of the affiliate, if the information disclosed for marketing					
22	purposes does not include health care information and if the affiliate agrees not to disclose the information for any					
24	other purpose or to unaffiliated persons; er					
26	Sec. A-10. 24-A MRSA $\S2215$, sub- $\S1$, \PQ , as enacted by PL 2001, c. 457, $\S22$, is amended to read:					
28	Q. In order to protect the public health and welfare, to					
30	state governmental entities only insofar as necessary to enable those entities to perform their duties when reporting					
32	is required or authorized by law+; or					
34	Sec. A-11. 24-A MRSA $\S 2215$, sub- $\S 1$, $\P R$ is enacted to read:					
36	R. To the extent permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802,					
38	subsection b. paragraph 2 and subsection e as long as the information disclosed does not include health care					
40	information.					
42	Sec. A-12. 24-A MRSA §2215. sub-§2 is enacted to read:					
44	2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A					
46	regulated insurance entity or insurance support organization may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a					
	nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless					
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- nonpublic personal information by a regulated insurance entity or insurance support organization to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by subsection 1 or the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate," "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seg. (1999).
- Sec. A-13. 30-A MRSA §3964-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. E, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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- 4. Privacy of consumer financial information. The privacy of consumer financial information is subject to the following.
- A. Except as provided in paragraph B with respect to disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a pawnbroker shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); the Federal Trade Commission, 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001), if the pawnbroker is a financial institution as defined in those regulations. This paragraph is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or Title 24-A, chapter 24.
 - B. A pawnbroker required to comply with paragraph A may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This paragraph does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a pawnbroker to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley

Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.

C. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate," "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).

Sec. A-14. 32 MRSA §6146, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. E, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6146. Privacy of consumer financial information

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1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a check cashing business or foreign currency exchange business shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); the Federal Trade Commission, 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001), if the check cashing business or foreign currency exchange business is a financial institution as defined in those regulations. This subsection is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or Title 24-A, chapter 24.

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2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A check cashing business or foreign currency exchange business required to comply with subsection 1 may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a check cashing business or foreign currency exchange business to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.

- 3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate,"

 4 "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act,

 5 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).
- Sec. A-15. 32 MRSA §6162. as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. E, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6162. Privacy of consumer financial information

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1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, an operator shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); the Federal Trade Commission, 16 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001), if the operator is a financial institution as defined in those regulations. This subsection is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or Title 24-A, chapter 24.

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2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. An operator required to comply with subsection 1 may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by an operator to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.

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3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate," "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information"

have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act,
15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).

Sec. A-16. 32 MRSA §10206 is enacted to read:

§10206. Disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd party

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1. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A person subject to this chapter may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a person subject to this chapter to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.

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2. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate," "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).

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Sec. A-17. 32 MRSA §10313, sub-§1, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2001,
c. 262, Pt. D, §3, is amended to read:

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10206 or the privacy provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the implementing Regulation S-P, federal Privacy of Consumer Financial Information, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 (2001) adopted by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. This paragraph is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or Title 24-A, chapter 24.

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Sec. A-18. 32 MRSA §11018, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. E, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§11018. Privacy of consumer financial information

1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a collection agency or repossession company shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code,

- Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing 2 federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40 (2001); the Board of Governors of 4 the Federal Reserve System, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part б 216 (2001); the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 332 (2001); the Office of Thrift Supervision, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573 (2001); the 8 National Credit Union Administration, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 716 (2001); the Federal Trade Commission, 16 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 313 (2001); or the Securities and Exchange Commission, 17 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248 12 (2001), if the collection agency or repossession company is a 14 financial institution as defined in those regulations. This subsection is not intended to permit the release of health care information except as permitted by Title 22, section 1711-C or 16 Title 24-A, chapter 24.
 - 2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A collection agency or repossession company required to comply with subsection 1 may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a collection agency or repossession company to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.
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 3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate,"

 34 "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act,

 36 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).
 - Sec. A-19. 33 MRSA §528, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 262, Pt. E, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§528. Privacy duties of settlement agents

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1. Compliance with federal law and regulations. Except as provided in subsection 2 with respect to disclosure of nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, a settlement agent shall comply with the provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999) and the applicable implementing federal Privacy of Consumer Information regulations, as adopted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 12 Code of Federal Regulations, Part

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2. Opt in; disclosure to nonaffiliated 3rd party. A settlement agent required to comply with subsection 1 may not disclose, directly or through an affiliate, to a nonaffiliated 3rd party any nonpublic personal information unless the person to whom the information pertains has affirmatively consented to the disclosure in writing and has not withdrawn that consent. This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information by a settlement agent to a nonaffiliated 3rd party to the extent such a disclosure is permitted by the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6802, subsection b, paragraph 2 and subsection e.

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3. Use of terms. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms "affiliate," "nonaffiliated 3rd party" and "nonpublic personal information" have the same meanings as in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 United States Code, Section 6801 et seq. (1999).

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34 PART B

Sec. B-1. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

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"Do you favor requiring financial services providers to obtain permission from individuals before disclosing nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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SUMMARY

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Currently, state law conforms to the opt-out provisions of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act regarding the disclosure of nonpublic personal information. This bill puts in place an requirement so that financial services providers, opt-in including banks, credit unions, securities firms and mortgage companies, must have permission from individuals disclosing nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated 3rd parties, but only upon approval by voters at a statewide referendum.