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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 219, L. D. 718, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Minimum Finance Charges Under the Maine Consumer Credit Code."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the end of section 1, before the period, the following:

'and when, within 30 days from the date of the transaction,
the agreement is assigned by the seller, other than a seller
of motor vehicles, to an assignee having no corporate relationship to the seller-assignor'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to limit the circumstances in which a minimum finance charge of \$25 could be imposed.

Under this amendment, merchants could include a \$25 minimum finance charge only when the contract is assigned to a 3rd party not related to the seller. This would not apply to motor vehicle sellers, since many of their contracts are assigned to related corporate entities.

Filed by Ms. Clark of Freeport.

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