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H. P. 960 House of Representatives, March 23, 1977 On motion of Ms. Clark of Freeport, referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Peakes of Dexter.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Investigatory Powers of the Administrator of the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

g-A MRSA § 6-106, sub-§ 1, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

If a violation of this Act is found pursuant to section 6-108, the administrator shall so notify at the same time all parties to the transactions involved and shall not so notify until a violation has been found pursuant to section 6-108.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under the present law, the Administrator of the Bureau of Consumer Protection is required to notify all consumers to a transaction of a violation when he finds a violation upon investigation. Frequently, his findings are allegations of a violation before any hearing is held or the creditor is given an opportunity to present his side of the case. This bill would require notice to the consumer when a violation is determined to exist after notice and an opportunity for a hearing and a conclusion that a violation existed.