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ONE HUNDRED AN	ND ELEVENTH LEGISLAT	URE
Legislative Document		No. 117
H.P. 900	House of Representative	es, March 14, 198
Referred to the Committee concurrence and ordered printed	on Business Legislation. Sent 1.	t up for
	EDWI	N H. PERT, Cler
Presented by Representative Pou Cosponsors: Senator Pray of Portland and Representative Co	of Penobscot, Representative	Benoit of So.
STA	ATE OF MAINE	
	YEAR OF OUR LORD NDRED AND EIGHTY-THR	EE
	end the Maine Consum redit Code.	er
Be it enacted by the F	People of the State	of Maine as
9-A MRSA §2-501, 1973, c. 762, §1, is a	, sub-§1, ¶C, as e amended to read:	nacted by PI
privilege of usir	s, payable in advane ng a credit card, et	
to exceed \$15 in t		nder credit
	itles the user to pu at least 100 persons	
to the issuer of	f the credit card	, under ar
	ant to which the deb ses are payable to	
except that the u	user of a credit	card shall
	t on the annual ch	
finance charges	paid within the	proceedin

12-month period; and

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit banks to charge an annual fee for the use of a credit card. The cost of maintaining the credit card program continues to increase and this bill would require those cardholders who do not contribute to the administrative costs to pay an annual fee. The bill also requires a financial institution to credit against the annual fee any finance charge paid by the cardholder.

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