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No. 522

H.P. 387

House of Representatives, February 14, 1995

An Act to Restrict the Ability of Credit Card Companies to Charge Excessive Fees.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREAT of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland, Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: CHASE of China, ETNIER of Harpswell, GERRY of Auburn, JONES of Bar Harbor, JOSEPH of Waterville, LaFOUNTAIN of Biddeford, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TOWNSEND of Portland, VOLENIK of Sedgwick.

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

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Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §2-501, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 129, §46, is amended to read:

3. Charges permitted under this section and any other charges specifically excluded from the definition of "finance charge" in section 1-301, subsection 19, are permissible charges in addition to, and excluded from the calculation of, maximum finance charges set forth in Parts 2 and 4. Unless otherwise expressly prohibited by this Act and except on credit card accounts, a creditor may contract for and receive additional charges not authorized by this section or by section 1-301, subsection 19, if such additional charges, together with all other finance charges applicable to a consumer credit transaction, do not exceed the applicable maximum finance charge under this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits credit card companies from contracting for additional fees on credit card accounts unless the fees are specifically authorized.