

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 588

S.P. 199

In Senate, January 21, 1999

**An Act to Facilitate the Use of Major Credit Cards to Pay Fines,  
Forfeitures and Fees.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §8-303, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c.**  
243, §25, is amended to read:

6 2. ~~No Except as provided in subsection 8, a seller in any~~  
sales transaction may not impose a surcharge on a cardholder who  
8 elects to use a credit card in lieu of payment by cash, check or  
similar means.

10 **Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA §8-303, sub-§8 is enacted to read:**

12 ~~8. A governmental department or agency of this State may~~  
14 ~~charge a fee of 2.5% to a cardholder who elects to use a credit~~  
~~card to pay a fine, forfeiture or any other fee.~~

18 **SUMMARY**

20 The purpose of this bill is to facilitate payment of fines,  
forfeitures and fees by allowing the State to cover its costs  
22 when accepting payment by credit card. This bill authorizes the  
State and its agencies to charge a fee of 2.5% when a person pays  
24 a fine, forfeiture or fee to the State.