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## An Act Concerning Fair Debit Card Practices.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, ROSEN of Bucksport, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, THOMAS of Orono, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

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