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No. 1086

S.P. 358

In Senate, March 4, 2003

An Act To Require a 30-Day Deferment Period To Pay Bills

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 STRIMLING of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 229** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 229**

8 **CONSUMER TRANSACTIONS**

10 **§1500-M. Payment period**

12 The period for a consumer to pay a bill relating to a
14 consumer transaction for goods or services may not be less than
30 days. The 30-day period begins 3 days after the bill is
postmarked by the United States Postal Service.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 **This bill allows consumers 30 days to pay a bill relating to**
20 **a consumer transaction for goods or services.**