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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 914

House of Representatives, March 22, 2011

### An Act Regarding Credit Card Transactions for InforME Services

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.  
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and  
Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, COTTA of China, GILLWAY of Searsport,  
KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MORISSETTE of Winslow, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield,  
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §534, sub-§5, ¶G**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 406, §6, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 G. Review revenue and expenditures and approve premium services fees and fee  
5 schedules to be levied by the network manager.

6 (1) Fees must be sufficient to maintain, develop, operate and expand InforME on  
7 a continuing basis.

8 (2) Fees for premium services must be reasonable but sufficient to support the  
9 maximum amount of information and services provided at no charge.

10 (3) The board may establish fee schedules that include no charge for designated  
11 services for one or more specified classes of users. If services are to be provided  
12 at no charge to libraries, the services must be provided to libraries designated as  
13 depository libraries for government documents pursuant to 44 United States  
14 Code, Chapter 19 and to any other libraries the board designates.

15 (4) Fees must be sufficient to ensure that, to the extent possible, data custodians  
16 do not suffer loss of revenues from sources that are approved or authorized by  
17 law due to the operations of InforME.

18 (5) Fees must be sufficient to ensure that data custodians are reimbursed for the  
19 actual costs of providing data to InforME.

20 (6) Fees must be sufficient to meet the expenses of the board.

21 (7) The board may approve, when applicable, service level agreements entered  
22 into by InforME and data custodians for information, electronic services and  
23 transactions provided by InforME.

24 (8) The board may establish a subscription fee for subscribers;

25 (9) Fees charged for the convenience of using a credit card for an InforME  
26 service that allows a user to pay a municipal charge, including, but not limited to,  
27 a tax, fine, charge, utility fee, regulatory fee, license fee or permit fee, must be  
28 paid by the user and not the municipality;

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires any fee charged for using a credit card to pay a municipal charge,  
31 such as a tax or license fee, through the InforME system to be paid by the user and not the  
32 municipality.