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CHAPTER 99
S.P. 302 - L.D. 951

**An Act To Amend the Laws
Governing Credit Card
Companies**

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §2-509, as amended by PL 2003, c. 263, §1, is further amended to read:

§2-509. Right to prepay

Subject to the provisions on rebate upon prepayment, section 2-510, the consumer may prepay, in full or in part, the unpaid balance of a consumer credit transaction at any time without penalty, except for minimum charges as permitted by law. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, a reasonable charge may be assessed upon a consumer related to prepayment of a consumer loan made by a supervised financial organization and secured by an interest in land, other than a high-rate, high-fee mortgage, as defined in section 8-103, subsection 1, paragraph F-1, if the charge is reasonably calculated to offset the cost of origination of the loan. The administrator shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 100
H.P. 885 - L.D. 1257

**An Act Regarding the Terms of
Members of the Maine State
Museum Commission**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine State Museum is vital to the preservation and exhibition of the cultural and environmental richness of the State; and

Whereas, the Maine State Museum Commission has administrative and policy responsibilities for the museum; and

Whereas, an effective commission is dependent on an orderly transition of members; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preserva-

tion of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §82, as amended by PL 1999, c. 706, §4 and affected by §9, is further amended to read:

§82. Maine State Museum Commission

The Governor shall appoint the Maine State Museum Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 7-C, consisting of 15 members especially qualified and interested in the several fields of museum activity. ~~Of those members first appointed, 5 are appointed for terms of 2 years, 5 for 4 years and 5 for 6 years. Their successors are appointed for 4 years.~~ Members are limited to 2 consecutive ~~4 year~~ 5-year terms that expire on August 22nd. Each member ~~shall serve~~ serves for the term of the appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair from its members. ~~In case of the termination of a member's service during the term~~ If a vacancy occurs before the member's term expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term. Members are entitled to compensation in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.

Sec. 2. Transition to 5-year terms for Maine State Museum Commission members. The limit of 2 consecutive terms for all members of the Maine State Museum Commission applies to full terms beginning after August 11, 2000. The transitional terms of members may be shorter or longer than 5 years so that 3 members' terms expire on August 22nd each year. The transitional appointments, including reappointments of incumbents, expire on August 22nd in the years assigned in this section. Seats designated by the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions as 05, 08 and 10 expire in 2010; seats 09, 12 and 14 expire in 2011; seats 02, 06 and 15 expire in 2012; seats 01, 03 and 04 expire in 2013; and seats 07, 11 and 13 expire in 2014.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 10, 2007.