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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Goodwin, C Levesque, Pichardo, and Picard

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1	SECTION 1. Section 19-9-21.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 19-9 entitled
2	"Community Obligations and Banking Offenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:
3	<u>19-9-21.1. Fee disclosure by banks, credit unions and other financial institutions. –</u>
4	(a) Any bank, credit union, or other financial institution doing business in this state, shall display
5	a notice that enumerates that there may be charges imposed by the institution of which the
6	customer may not be aware.
7	(b) No bank, credit union or other financial institution doing business in this state, shall:
8	(1) Charge more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) in non-sufficient funds fees for:
9	(i) A check issued with non-sufficient funds;
10	(ii) A point-of-sales debit card transaction made with non-sufficient funds;
11	(iii) An automatic bill payment or other online payment made with non-sufficient funds;
12	<u>or</u>
13	(iv) An ATM withdrawal made with non-sufficient funds.
14	(2) Charge more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) in overdraft fees for:
15	(i) A check issued with non-sufficient funds;
16	(ii) A point-of-sales debit card transaction made with non-sufficient funds;
17	(iii) An automatic bill payment or other online payment made with non-sufficient funds;
18	<u>or</u>

- 1 (iv) An ATM withdrawal made with non-sufficient funds.
- 2 (3) Charge more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for a stop-payment fee on a check; or
- 3 (4) Charge returned-deposit fees to the depositor of a check issued with non-sufficient
- 4 <u>funds.</u>
- 5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would limit the amounts that financial institutions may charge for non-sufficient

2 funds fees, overdraft fees, stop-payment fees and returned check fees.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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