STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY

Introduced By: Senators Murray, Mack, Ciccone, Raptakis, Zurier, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Acosta, Sosnowski, and Quezada

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6-26 of the General Laws entitled “Interest and Usury” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

In accordance with Section 525 of the federal “Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980”, Pub. L. 96-221, the General Assembly declares that the State of Rhode Island rejects and does not want the amendments to the “Federal Deposit Insurance Act”, 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1811 et seq.; the federal “National Housing Act”, 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq.; and the “Federal Credit Union Act”, 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1757, made by sections 521 to 523 of the federal “Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980”, Pub. L. 96-221, prescribing interest rates and preempting state interest rates to apply to consumer credit transactions in this state. As a result of this rejection, the rates established in § 6-26-2 and in title 19 shall control consumer credit transactions in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on October 1, 2024.
This act would opt Rhode Island out of those provisions of the “Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980” (DIDMCA) which allow financial institutions chartered in states other than Rhode Island to be exempt from interest rate limits which apply to financial institutions chartered in Rhode Island and which are set in Rhode Island statute.

This act would take effect on October 1, 2024.