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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - CHECK CASHING

Introduced By: Representatives Baldelli-Hunt, Trillo, Diaz, Marcello, and Edwards

Date Introduced: January 23, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19-14.4-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 19-14.4 entitled "Check Cashing" is hereby amended to read as follows:

19-14.4-4. Fees for services. -- No licensee shall:

1. Charge check-cashing fees in excess of three percent (3%) of the face amount of the check, or five dollars ($5.00), whichever is greater, if the check is the payment of any kind of state public assistance or federal social security benefit;

2. Charge check-cashing fees for personal checks in excess of ten percent (10%) of the face amount of the personal check or five dollars ($5.00), whichever is greater; or

3. Charge check-cashing fees in excess of five percent (5%) of the face amount of the check or five dollars ($5.00), whichever is greater, for all other checks.

4. Charge deferred deposit transaction fees in excess of ten percent (10%) of the amount of funds advanced, which is the equivalent of an annual percentage rate of one hundred thirty percent (130%).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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1 This act would reduce the amount a check cashing business can charge for deferred
deposit transaction fees from ten percent (10%) to five percent (5%) of the funds advanced.

2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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