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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Almeida, Carson, and Craven

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **19-14.4-1. Exemptions from licensing.**

4 No license to cash checks shall be required of any:

5 (1) Regulated institution, bank, or credit union organized under the laws of the United  
6 States, or subject to written notice with a designated Rhode Island agent for service of process in  
7 the form prescribed by the director, or the director's designee, of any other state within the United  
8 States if the laws of the other state in which such bank or credit union is organized authorizes  
9 under conditions not substantially more restrictive than those imposed by the laws of this state, as  
10 determined by the director, or the director's designee, a financial institution or credit union to  
11 engage in the business of cashing checks in the other state; no bank or credit union duly  
12 organized under the laws of another state within the United States may receive deposits, pay  
13 checks or lend money from any location within this state unless such bank or credit union has  
14 received approval from the director, or the director's designee, for the establishment of an  
15 interstate branch office pursuant to chapter 7 of title 19;

16 (2) Natural person employee who is employed by a licensee when acting on the licensee's  
17 behalf; or

18 (3) Persons engaged in the business of cashing checks where that business is incidental to  
19 the person's retail sale of goods or services and the person charges not more than ~~fifty cents (\$.50)~~

1 [six dollars \(\\$6.00\)](#) per check cashed.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would raise the maximum check cashing fee from fifty cents (\$.50) to six dollars
- 2           (\$6.00) per check, for persons cashing checks in instances where cashing checks is incidental to
- 3           the retail sale of goods or services.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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