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- Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- (at request of the Department of Financial Services) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Banks -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee
- AN ACT to amend the banking law and the general business law, in relation to enhancing regulatory efficiency and efficacy; to repeal certain provisions of the banking law relating thereto

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 24 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 684 of the laws of 1938, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 453 of the laws of 1960, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 419 of the laws of 1996, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 52 of the laws of 1944, subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011 and subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 608 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

8 S 24. Investigation by superintendent; refusal or approval; filing certificate. 1. Within ninety days after the date when any organization 9 certificate or private banker's certificate shall have been filed for 10 examination, the superintendent, if [he] THE SUPERINTENDENT shall find 11 12 after investigation and examination of what [he] THE SUPERINTENDENT deems to be the best sources of information [at his command] AVAILABLE 13 14 that the character, responsibility and general fitness of the person or persons named in such certificate are such as to command confidence and 15 warrant belief that the business of the proposed corporation or private 16 banker will be honestly and efficiently conducted in accordance with the 17 18 intent and purpose of this chapter, and that the public convenience and 19 advantage will be promoted by allowing such proposed corporation or 20 private banker to engage in business, shall [submit] APPROVE such

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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certificate [to the superintendent of financial services together with 1 2 all papers, correspondence and other information in his possession 3 relating thereto, including the results of his investigation and his 4 recommendation in the matter]. [Such] AN EXTENSION OF SUCH NINETY DAY period [of ninety days] may be [extended] REQUESTED, by a written [consent] REQUEST executed by a majority of the persons from whom the 5 6 superintendent received such organization certificate or private bank-7 8 er's certificate, for such additional reasonable period of time as may 9 be required for applicants to comply with conditions precedent stipu-10 lated by the superintendent as being a prerequisite to his [recommenda-11 tion to the superintendent of financial services] OR HER APPROVAL. THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SOLE DISCRETION, SHALL DETERMINE 12 WHETHER TO GRANT SUCH AN EXTENSION. 13

14 [If three-fifths of the members of the board, after consideration 2. 15 of all relevant information available to them, shall vote for approval, 16 the] THE superintendent[, if he is still satisfied, upon the consider-17 ations set forth in subdivision one of this section, that such proposed 18 corporation or private banker should be permitted to engage in busi-19 ness,] shall [approve such certificate and] ALSO endorse upon each of 20 duplicates the date of such approval. [He] THE SUPERINTENDENT shall the 21 forthwith cause notice of such approval to be given to the proposed 22 incorporators or private banker and one of the duplicate certificates [to] SHALL be filed in the office of the department and the other in the 23 office of the clerk of the county in which the principal office of such 24 25 proposed corporation or private banker is to be located. In a case in which a private banker certificate is submitted to the superintendent 26 27 for the purpose of continuing the business in connection with a change in its partnership, the superintendent shall approve the private banker 28 29 certificate [without any action by the superintendent of financial 30 services] upon making a determination that the private banker should be permitted to continue its business based upon the considerations set 31 32 forth in subdivision one of this section.

33 3. If [three-fifths of the members of the superintendent of financial services shall not vote for approval, or if] the superintendent[, either 34 prior or subsequent to the submission of such certificate to the board,] 35 not satisfied, upon the considerations set forth in subdivision one 36 is 37 of this section, that such proposed corporation or private banker should 38 be permitted to engage in business, the superintendent shall refuse such 39 certificate and shall endorse thereon the date of such refusal and 40 return one of the duplicates to the proposed incorporators or private 41 banker from whom such certificate was received.

42 4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any organization 43 certificate required to be filed in the office of the superintendent by 44 SECTION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX, BY section two hundred sixty-b, by 45 section four hundred ten, by section four hundred eleven or by section 46 four hundred eighty-six of this chapter.

S 2. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 25 of the banking law, subdivi-48 sion 1 as amended by chapter 512 of the laws of 1977 and subdivision 3 49 as amended by chapter 561 of the laws of 1946, are amended to read as 50 follows:

1. If the superintendent shall find that a corporation or private banker, the certificate of which has been approved and filed as provided in section twenty-four of this article, has in good faith complied with all the requirements of law and fulfilled all the conditions precedent to commencing business imposed by this chapter, [he] THE SUPERINTENDENT shall, within ninety days after the date of such approval, [or within

1 such longer period thereafter as he may permit pursuant to the second sentence of this subdivision, but in no case after the expiration of 2 3 that period,] issue [under his hand] and EXECUTE UNDER the official seal 4 of the department, in triplicate, an authorization certificate to the 5 person or persons named in such organization certificate or private 6 banker's certificate. [The] NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRECEDING SENTENCE, IF 7 THE SUPERINTENDENT DETERMINES IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DECLARATION OF 8 POLICY CONTAINED IN SECTION TEN OF THIS ARTICLE, THE superintendent may extend the period within which [he] THE SUPERINTENDENT may issue the 9 10 authorization certificate by (I) an additional [sixty] NINETY days, provided, however, that he OR SHE shall have determined that such exten-11 sion of time is needed for raising capital, for fulfilling any other 12 condition precedent to the commencement of business or for satisfying 13 any other requirement of organization, whether imposed by statute or 14 15 regulation[, and that such extension is consistent with the declaration of policy contained in section ten of this chapter] OR OTHERWISE, OR 16 SUCH LONGER PERIOD OF TIME AS HE OR SHE SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE, 17 (II)PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE OR SHE SHALL HAVE DETERMINED 18 THAT EXTRAOR-19 DINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST. Such authorization certificate shall state 20 that the corporation or private banker named therein has complied with 21 the provisions of this chapter and that it is authorized to transact the 22 business specified therein. Such authorization certificate shall be conclusive evidence that all conditions precedent have been fulfilled 23 that the corporation has been formed under this chapter, except in 24 and 25 an action or special proceeding brought by the superintendent or the attorney general. The superintendent shall cause one of the triplicate 26 27 authorization certificates to be transmitted to the corporation or private banker thereby authorized to commence business, another to be 28 29 filed in the office of the department, and the third to be filed in the 30 county clerk's office in which the organization certificate or the private banker's certificate has been filed. The copies of the authori-31 32 zation certificate filed in the offices of the superintendent and the 33 county clerk shall be attached to the copies of the organization certificate or private banker's certificate previously filed and such certif-34 35 icates shall be recorded in the records of incorporation therein.

36 3. Any corporation which shall not commence business within six months 37 after the date on which its authorization certificate is issued by the 38 superintendent shall forfeit its rights and privileges as a corporation and its corporate powers shall cease and determine unless the time with-39 40 which such business may be commenced has been extended by the superin 41 intendent. Upon satisfactory cause being shown, the superintendent may grant [an extension for a period of not more than one year] ONE OR MORE 42 43 EXTENSIONS. Such extension shall be granted by order executed, transmit-44 ted and filed in the manner provided for an authorization certificate in 45 subdivision one of this section.

46 S 3. Subdivision 2 of section 28-b of the banking law is REPEALED.

47 S 4. The opening paragraph and subparagraph 12 of paragraph (a) of 48 subdivision 3 of section 28-b of the banking law, as amended by chapter 49 315 of the laws of 2008, and as further amended by section 104 of part A 50 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

51 When taking any action on an application OR NOTICE made by a banking 52 institution under (I) section one hundred five, two hundred twenty-four, 53 two hundred forty, or three hundred ninety-six of this chapter for a 54 branch office [or under], (II) section one hundred ninety-one of this 55 chapter for a public accommodation office [or under], (III) section six 56 hundred one-b of this chapter for approval [or disapproval] of a merger

or purchase of assets, or [taking any action on a notice submitted by a 1 2 banking institution] (IV) under section one hundred five-a, two hundred 3 forty-a or three hundred ninety-six-a of this chapter for the use or 4 installation of an automated teller machine, point-of-sale terminal or similar electronic facility or on any other application OR NOTICE to which the superintendent of financial services shall by rule or regu-5 6 7 lation make applicable the provisions of this section, the superinten-8 dent shall take into account, among other factors, an assessment, in 9 writing, of the record of performance of the banking institution in 10 helping to meet the credit needs of its entire community, including low 11 and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound opera-12 tion of the banking institution. Such assessment and any written commu-13 nications from the department of financial services to a banking insti-14 tution relating to such assessment shall be made available to the public 15 upon request, provided that nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to alter, amend or affect the provisions of subdivision ten of section thirty-six of this chapter. In making such assessment the super-16 17 18 intendent shall review all reports and documents filed pursuant to 19 subdivision one of this section and any signed, written comments received by the superintendent which specifically relate to the banking 20 21 institution's performance in helping to meet the credit needs of its community. In addition, the superintendent shall consider the following 22 23 factors in assessing a banking institution's record of performance:

(12) Other factors that, in the judgment of the superintendent [and superintendent of financial services], reasonably bear upon the extent to which a banking institution is helping to meet the credit needs of its entire community, including, without limitation, the banking institution's participation in credit counseling services.

29 S 5. Subdivision 5 of section 28-b of the banking law, as added by 30 chapter 361 of the laws of 1984 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows: 31 32 5. The superintendent [of financial services] is hereby authorized and 33 empowered[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to promulgate 34 rules and regulations effectuating the provisions of this section, 35 including any rules and regulations providing that the assessment of banking institutions referred to in subdivision three of this section 36 37 shall be made on a graduated numerical basis.

38 S 6. Subdivision 1 of section 75-g of the banking law, as added by 39 chapter 9 of the laws of 1996 and as designated by section 4-a of part A 40 of chapter 57 of the laws of 1998, is amended and a new subdivision 2 is 41 added to read as follows:

42 1. [Within one year after the effective date of this article, and each 43 year thereafter,] BY THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY AND JULY OF EACH YEAR 44 (OR THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS DAY IF SUCH DAY IS NOT A BUSINESS DAY), every 45 banking institution which [has] HAD an automated teller machine facility which [is] WAS in operation on [such date and such date every year ther-46 47 THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE PRECEDING MONTH shall submit a written eafter] 48 COMPLIANCE report to the department on a form prescribed by the superintendent, certifying that such automated teller machine facility is in 49 50 compliance with the provisions of this article or any variance or 51 exemption that has been granted, or if such facility is not in compliance with such provisions, [such report shall state] STATING the manner 52 53 in which such facility fails to meet such requirements[, the reasons for 54 such non-compliance and a plan to remedy any such non-compliance]. 55 NOTWITHSTANDING ARTICLE THREE OF THE STATE TECHNOLOGY LAW OR ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY REQUIRE THAT SUCH REPORTS 56

AND ANY OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE BY ELEC TRONIC MEANS, UNLESS THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN HIS OR HER SOLE DISCRETION,
 GRANTS A WAIVER OF SUCH ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENTS, UPON GOOD CAUSE
 SHOWN.

5 ANY COMPLIANCE REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS 2. IF 6 SECTION INDICATES ANY FAILURE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE, 7 INSTITUTION SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE DEPART-SUCH BANKING 8 MENT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, NO LATER THAN THE ELEVENTH BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING SUCH COMPLIANCE REPORT, INDICATING 9 10 WHETHER EACH SUCH FAILURE HAS BEEN CORRECTED AND, FOR ANY FAILURE THAT 11 BEEN CORRECTED, THE REASON FOR SUCH FAILURE AND THE EXPECTED HAS NOT CORRECTION DATE. IF ANY SUCH FAILURE SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN CORRECTED WITH-12 IN TEN BUSINESS DAYS OF THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICABLE 13 COMPLIANCE 14 REPORT, SUCH BANKING INSTITUTION SHALL, PROMPTLY AFTER CORRECTING SUCH 15 FAILURE, SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH THEDATE OR DATES OF EACH SUCH CORRECTION. 16

17 S 7. Subdivision 1 of section 75-j of the banking law, as amended by 18 section 11 of part 0 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006, is amended to 19 read as follows:

20 Any banking institution found to be in violation of any provision 1. 21 of section seventy-five-c of this article IN A COMPLIANCE REPORT UNDER SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE-G OF THIS ARTICLE OR OTHERWISE FOUND BY THE DEPART-22 23 TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE-C OF MENT THIS ARTICLE shall correct the violation within ten business days after 24 25 Where a banking institution fails to correct [said such finding. 26 violation within such period of time] ANY VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF 27 SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE-C OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER 28 THE FILING OF SUCH REPORT OR A FINDING OF VIOLATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, 29 superintendent may in a proceeding after notice and a hearing, the require [any] SUCH banking institution to pay a civil penalty in an 30 amount as determined pursuant to section forty-four of this chapter, 31 32 provided, however, that the aggregate penalty for all offenses with 33 respect to any one automated teller machine facility in any one proceeding shall not exceed an amount as determined pursuant to section forty-34 four of this chapter. For the purposes of this article, each violation 35 of section seventy-five-c of this article shall be considered a separate 36 37 and distinct violation.

38 S 8. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subdivision 1 of section 103 of the 39 banking law, as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 1983 and as further 40 amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are 41 amended to read as follows:

(a) The limitations in this subdivision shall not apply to (1) 42 any 43 loan to the extent that the United States, this state or any city, coun-44 town, village or school district of this state, [any federal interty, 45 mediate credit bank, Federal National Mortgage Association, any federal land bank, any bank for cooperatives organized under the laws of the 46 47 United States, any national mortgage association, any federal home loan 48 bank, the Small Business Administration] or any [other] department, agency or instrumentality of the United States or this state designated by the superintendent [of financial services] by general or specific 49 50 by 51 regulation [upon a three-fifths vote of all its members], has agreed to pay the principal and interest thereof, or has guaranteed payment (by 52 guaranty or commitment to purchase or otherwise) of such principal and 53 54 interest, or is committed to supply, by loan, subsidy or otherwise, 55 funds sufficient to pay such principal and interest, or has otherwise pledged its faith and credit for the payment of such principal and 56

interest; or (2) any loan secured by not less than a like amount (BASED 1 ON THEIR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OR MARKET VALUE, WHICHEVER IS LOWER, AT THE 2 3 TIME THE LOAN IS MADE) of direct obligations [(based on their principal amount or market value, whichever is lower, at the time the loan is made)] of the United States or of this state or of any city, county, town, village or school district of this state or of any such depart-4 5 6 7 ment, agency or instrumentality of the United States or this state[; or 8 (3) when authorized by the superintendent, any loan to a savings bank of this state or a corporation all of the capital stock of which is owned 9 10 by not less than twenty savings banks of this state] OR BY OBLIGATIONS 11 OTHERWISE FULLY GUARANTEED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST BY THE UNITED 12 STATES.

13 (c) Loans (exclusive of any loan described in paragraph (a) of this 14 subdivision) to any state other than the state of New York, or to any 15 foreign nation, the New York State thruway authority, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, The Port of New York Authority, a railroad 16 corporation, a municipal corporation of this state, a corporation 17 18 subject to the jurisdiction of a public service commission of this state, or any international lending facility or public benefit corporation designated by the superintendent [of financial services] by 19 20 21 [general or specific] regulation [upon a three-fifths vote of all its 22 members], may equal but not exceed twenty-five per centum of the capital stock, surplus fund and undivided profits of such bank or trust company. 23 9. Subdivision 1 of section 591 of the banking law, as added by 24 S 25 chapter 571 of the laws of 1986, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 164 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows: 26

27 1. The application for a license to be a mortgage banker shall be in under oath, and in the form prescribed by the superintendent. 28 writing, NOTWITHSTANDING ARTICLE THREE OF THE STATE TECHNOLOGY LAW OR ANY 29 OTHER 30 TO THE CONTRARY, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICATION LAW FOR, OR RENEWAL OF, A LICENSE OR ANY OTHER SUBMISSION OR APPLICATION FOR 31 BY 32 APPROVAL AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE, BE MADE OR EXECUTED 33 ELECTRONIC INCLUDING THROUGH THE NATIONAL MORTGAGE LICENSING MEANS, 34 SYSTEM AND REGISTRY OR OTHER ENTITIES DESIGNATED BY THE NATIONAL MORT-35 LICENSING SYSTEM AND REGISTRY IF HE OR SHE DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO GAGE ENSURE THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ARTICLE. 36 The 37 application shall contain the name and complete business and residential address or addresses of the applicant. If the applicant is a partner-38 39 ship, association, corporation or other form of business organization, 40 the application shall contain the names and complete business and residential addresses of each member, director and principal officer there-41 Such application shall also include a description of the activities 42 of. 43 of the applicant, in such detail and for such periods, as the super-44 intendent may require; including:

45 (a) An affirmation of financial solvency noting such capitalization 46 requirements as may be required by the superintendent, and access to 47 such credit as may be required by the superintendent;

48 (b) The fingerprints of the applicant, which may be submitted to the 49 division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investi-50 gation for state and national criminal history record checks;

51 (c) An affirmation that the applicant, or its members, directors or 52 principals as may be appropriate, are at least twenty-one years of age;

53 (d) Information as to the character, fitness, financial and business 54 responsibility, background and experiences of the applicant. 1 S 10. Subdivision 1 of section 591-a of the banking law, as amended by 2 section 53 of part 0 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006, is amended to 3 read as follows:

4 1. An application to become registered as a mortgage broker shall be in writing, under oath, in such form as shall be prescribed by the 5 6 superintendent, and shall be accompanied by the fingerprints of the 7 applicant. NOTWITHSTANDING ARTICLE THREE OF THE STATE TECHNOLOGY LAW OR 8 ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICATION FOR, OR RENEWAL OF, A LICENSE OR ANY OTHER SUBMISSION OR 9 10 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE, BE MADE OR 11 EXECUTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, INCLUDING THROUGH THENATIONAL MORTGAGE LICENSING SYSTEM AND REGISTRY OR OTHER 12 ENTITIES DESIGNATED BY THE 13 NATIONAL MORTGAGE LICENSING SYSTEM AND REGISTRY IF HE OR SHE DEEMS IT 14 NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS 15 ARTICLE. Such fingerprints shall be submitted to the division of crimijustice services for a state criminal history record check, as 16 nal defined in subdivision one of section three thousand thirty-five of the 17 18 education law, and may be submitted to the federal bureau of investi-19 gation for a national criminal history record check. Such application shall contain the name and complete business and residential address or 20 21 addresses of the applicant, or if the applicant is a partnership, asso-22 ciation, corporation or other form of business organization, the names and complete business and residential addresses of each member, director 23 and principal officer thereof. Such application shall also include an 24 25 affirmation of financial solvency noting such capitalization requirements as may be required by the superintendent, and such descriptions of 26 the business activities, financial responsibility, educational back-ground and general character and fitness of the applicant as may be 27 28 required by the superintendent. Such application shall be accompanied by 29 30 an investigation fee payable to the superintendent as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chapter. 31

S 11. Section 520-c of the general business law, as added by chapter 1 33 of the laws of 1994, subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 5 as further amended by 34 section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to 35 read as follows:

520-c. Credit information. 1. The department of financial services 36 S 37 shall establish A TELEPHONE NUMBER AND AN AREA ON ITS WEBSITE, OR 38 PROVIDE A LINK ON SUCH SITE TO OTHER WEBSITES WITH a toll-free telephone 39 number service at which CUSTOMERS MAY OBTAIN information on annual 40 percentage rates, annual fees, per-transaction charges, late payment fees, overlimit fees and grace periods for credit cards 41 [can be obtained] TO THE EXTENT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. 42 Every 43 issuer of credit cards to natural persons residing in this state shall 44 set forth on each solicitation, application and monthly billing state-45 ment mailed or otherwise presented to such persons, a notice stating "New York residents may contact the New York state department of finan-46 47 services [to obtain a] BY TELEPHONE OR VISIT ITS WEBSITE FOR FREE cial INFORMATION ON comparative [listing of] credit card rates, fees 48 and grace periods." Such notice shall be printed on the same side as the 49 50 disclosure of rates, fees and charges, in case of the solicitations and applications, and on the same side as the notice of the balance of the 51 account and the amount due are printed, in the case of the monthly bill-52 ing statement. The superintendent of financial services shall prescribe 53 54 the WEB address and telephone number to be printed next to the notice. 55 The notice shall be in type no smaller than eight points. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE CREDIT CARD ISSUER SHALL APPEAR HIGHER UP ON THE PAGE AND 56

THE TYPE AT LEAST AS LARGE AS THAT PROVIDED FOR THE TELEPHONE NUMBER 1 IN2 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES. Issuers shall include such 3 notice in materials sent to residents of this state as required under 4 this section commencing October first, nineteen hundred ninety-four.

5 [The superintendent of financial services shall develop 2. and 6 distribute to all issuers of credit cards, no more than thirty days 7 after the effective date of this section, a form which shall be used for the purpose of collecting information on annual percentage rates, annual 8 fees, per-transaction charges, late payment fees, overlimit fees and 9 10 grace periods governed by the terms of each type of credit card offered such issuer to natural persons residing in this state. Issuers shall 11 by return the forms to the department of financial services no later than 12 one hundred fifty days after the effective date of this section, and annually thereafter, but no later than April first of each year, 13 14 commencing in nineteen hundred ninety-five. The superintendent of finan-15 cial services shall publish the information obtained from such forms and 16 make it available to New York residents upon request, commencing not 17 later than October first, nineteen hundred ninety-four, and 18 annually 19 thereafter but not later than July first of each year.

3.] The superintendent of financial services is authorized to adopt 20 21 such rules and regulations as consistent with the provisions of this 22 section. 23

[4.] 3. For the purposes of this section:

24 (a) "Credit card" means any card issued pursuant to an agreement which 25 allows the holder of the card to obtain goods and services on the credit 26 of the issuer; and

"Issuer" means any bank, trust company, savings bank, savings and 27 (b) 28 loan association, or branch of a foreign banking corporation the depos-29 its of which are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation, which is incorporated, chartered, organized or licensed under the laws 30 of this state or any other state or the United States, which issues 31 32 credit cards to natural persons residing in this state.

33 [5.] 4. The authority of the superintendent of financial services pursuant to sections thirty-nine and forty-four of the banking law shall 34 extend to violations of this section by any issuer. 35

This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that 36 S 12. 37 section eleven of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 38 it shall have become a law.