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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection -- recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Protection in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to preventing rental car companies from imposing certain charges on customers' credit cards

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

Section 1. Section 391-l of the general business law, as redesignated by chapter 694 of the laws of 1995, is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF RENTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND ACCEPTING CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT OF SUCH RENTAL TO PROCESS, OR CAUSE TO BE PROCESSED, A BLOCK, PRIOR TO FINAL PAYMENT, ON THE CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD OF ANY PERSON RENTING A MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE BLOCK IS DISCLOSED TO THE CONSUMER. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "BLOCK" SHALL MEAN A TEMPORARY DEBIT, HOLD, RESERVE OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A LINE OF CREDIT OR AN ACCOUNT ON DEPOSIT AT A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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