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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to automated
teller machine fee disclosure

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 399-y of the general business law, as added by
2 chapter 495 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 399-y. Automated teller machine fee disclosure. 1. For the purposes
4 of this section, "automated teller machine operator" shall mean any
5 person who: (a) operates an automated teller machine at which consumers
6 may make financial transactions, including but not limited to deposits,
7 withdrawals, balance inquiries, and loan payments; and (b) is not the
8 financial institution which holds the account accessed by the consumer
9 to make the financial transaction.
10 2. No automated teller machine operator shall impose a fee on a
11 consumer using such machine, unless such operator: (a) provides notice
12 as required by subdivision three of this section; and (b) the consumer
13 elects to continue to effect a financial transaction after receiving
14 such notice.
15 3. [(a) The automated teller machine operator shall post a sign or
16 warning in a prominent and conspicuous location on or at the automated
17 teller machine at which the financial transaction is initiated by the
18 consumer. Such sign shall clearly state: (i) that a fee is imposed for
19 the use of such machine; and (ii) the amount of such fee.
20 (b)] The automated teller machine operator shall [also] provide notice
21 on the screen of the automated teller machine or on a paper issued from
22 such machine after the financial transaction is initiated, but before
23 the consumer is irrevocably committed to completing the transaction.
24 Such notice shall clearly state: (i) that a fee is imposed for the use

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

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1 of such machine; (ii) the amount of such fee; and (iii) that the consum-
2 er may cancel such transaction without being assessed a fee.
3 4. (a) Any automated teller machine operator who fails to comply with
4 the requirements of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty not
5 to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per transaction.
6 (b) If the notice required pursuant to subdivision three of this
7 section has been [posted] PROVIDED by an automated teller machine opera-
8 tor and such notice is subsequently removed, damaged, or altered by any
9 person other than such operator, the operator shall have no liability
10 for a failure to comply with subdivision three of this section.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.