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AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to retail instalment
contracts and transmitters of money

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 6-a and 6-b of section 491 of the banking
2 law, subdivision 6-a as amended by chapter 289 of the laws of 1962 and
3 subdivision 6-b as added by chapter 358 of the laws of 1958, are amended
4 to read as follows:
5 6-a. "Retail instalment obligation" or "obligation" means an agree-
6 ment, entered into in this state, pursuant to which the buyer promises
7 to pay, in instalments, the time sale price or prices of goods and/or
8 services, or any part thereof. The term does not include [(a)] a retail
9 instalment contract[, (b)] OR a retail instalment credit agreement [or
10 (c) an obligation which is intended to be and is ultimately insured or
11 guaranteed under title three of the act of Congress entitled "Service-
12 men's Readjustment Act of 1944"]. THE TERM INCLUDES SUCH AN AGREEMENT
13 WHEREVER ENTERED INTO IF EXECUTED BY THE BUYER IN THIS STATE AND IF
14 SOLICITED IN PERSON BY A SALESPERSON OR OTHER PERSON ACTING ON HIS OR
15 HER OWN BEHALF OR THAT OF THE SELLER.
16 6-b. "Retail instalment credit agreement" or "credit agreement" means
17 an agreement entered into in this state, pursuant to which the buyer
18 promises to pay, in instalments, his OR HER outstanding indebtedness
19 from time to time to a retail seller, not evidenced by a retail instal-
20 ment contract or obligation, for one or more items of goods or services,
21 whenever purchased or obtained, which provides for a service charge and
22 under which instalment payments apply to his OR HER outstanding indebt-
23 edness from time to time. THE TERM INCLUDES SUCH AN AGREEMENT WHEREVER
24 ENTERED INTO IF EXECUTED BY THE BUYER IN THIS STATE AND IF SOLICITED IN

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

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1 PERSON BY A SALESPERSON OR OTHER PERSON ACTING ON HIS OR HER OWN BEHALF
2 OR THAT OF THE SELLER.

3 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 641 of the banking law, as amended by
4 chapter 677 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

5 1. No person shall engage IN THIS STATE in the business of selling or
6 issuing checks, or engage in the business of receiving money for trans-
7 mission or transmitting the same, without a license therefor obtained
8 from the superintendent as provided in this article, nor shall any
9 person engage in such business as an agent, except as an agent of a
10 licensee or as agent of a payee; provided, however, that nothing in this
11 article shall apply to a bank, trust company, private banker, foreign
12 banking corporation licensed pursuant to article two of this chapter or
13 foreign banking company authorized to operate pursuant to the Interna-
14 tional Banking Act of 1978 (12 USC 3101 et seq.), as amended, savings
15 bank, savings and loan association, an investment company, a national
16 banking association, federal reserve bank, corporation organized under
17 the provisions of section twenty-five-a of an act of congress entitled
18 the "Federal Reserve Act", federal savings bank, federal savings and
19 loan association or state or federal credit union OR OUT-OF-STATE STATE
20 BANK. A PERSON ENGAGES IN THIS STATE IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING OR
21 ISSUING CHECKS OR RECEIVING MONEY FOR TRANSMISSION OR TRANSMITTING THE
22 SAME IF SUCH PERSON INDUCES ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF, OR
23 LOCATED IN, THIS STATE TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION BY SOLICITATION IN OR
24 INTO THIS STATE BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MAIL, ELEC-
25 TRONIC MAIL, TELEPHONE, RADIO, TELEVISION, THE INTERNET OR ANY OTHER
26 ELECTRONIC MEANS.

27 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.