STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Banks

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to preventing banks from asking account holders for proof of citizenship

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 6-n to read as follows:

§ 6-n. Proof of citizenship; account freeze. 1. For purposes of this section, "account holder" shall mean any individual whose name appears on a bank account.

2. No banking organization shall inquire into an account holder's citizenship or ask for proof of citizenship from such account holder.

3. No banking organization shall freeze a bank account because such account holder failed to provide proof of citizenship.

§ 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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