STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to the order in which a payor bank shall pay checks

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 9-x to 2 read as follows:
- § 9-x. Banking institutions to pay checks drawn therein in order of 4 presentation. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the 5 contrary, every banking institution that provides consumer checking 6 accounts shall either pay checks in the order wherein they are received 7 or pay checks from smallest to largest dollar amount for each business 8 <u>day's transactions</u>.
- 2. If a check is dishonored for insufficient funds and thereafter 9 10 smaller checks which could be paid are received, the smaller checks 11 shall be honored within amounts on deposit in the subject account.

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- 3. The banking institution shall disclose to consumers in writing the 13 order in which checks are drawn. The written disclosure shall be provided to the consumer at the time the account is opened and prior to 14 any change in such policy. The superintendent shall promulgate rules and 16 regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.
- 17 4. As used in this section, "consumer checking accounts" means 18 accounts established by natural persons primarily for personal, family 19 <u>or household purposes.</u>
- § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-20 ing the date on which it shall have become a law. 21

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

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