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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Banks -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again amended on third reading, ordered reprinted,

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to requiring transmitters of money to provide a certain warning to consumers

retaining its place on the order of third reading

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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 652-c to read as follows:

- § 652-c. Required warning. 1. A person engaged in the business of receiving money for transmission or transmitting money by wire or elec-5 tronic transfer which, at the request of an individual who in-person, by 6 telephone or electronic means transmits funds to another person, business or entity, shall:
- (a) provide a clear, concise, and conspicuous consumer fraud warning 9 prior to initiating the money transfer transaction and on all funds 10 transfer forms used by consumers to send money to an individual;
- 11 (b) provide annual consumer fraud prevention training for agents 12 <u>involved with funds transfers;</u>
 - (c) monitor agent activity relating to consumer funds transfers; and
 - (d) establish a toll-free number for consumers to call to report fraud or suspected fraud and provide information on how to stop a transfer.
- 16 2. The warning required by this section shall not apply to an elec-17 tronic funds transfer in which funds are not transferred directly to 18 another person and are not available for immediate use.
- 3. A violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable 19 20 by a civil penalty of not more than two hundred fifty dollars for the first violation and five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation. 21
- 22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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