STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to mail-loan checks

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 9-t of the banking law, as 2 added by chapter 309 of the laws of 2002, are amended and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as follows:

2. Any lending institution which issues mail-loan checks shall:

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- (a) include on the face of each check issued to a non-customer a written statement, in legible type reading "ONE FORM OF VALID PHOTOGRAPHIC ID NEEDED TO CASH OR DEPOSIT"; provided, however, that any entity cashing or accepting a mail-loan check for deposit may require more than one form of identification;
- 10 (b) make no reference on the outside of the envelope containing a 11 mail-loan check that indicates that a check is enclosed within such 12 envelope;
 - (c) provide that all mail-loan checks shall be non-transferable; and
- 14 (d) include the transaction fee and interest rate and an expiration 15 date of not more than six months on the mail-loan check, as well as any 16 additional information that the superintendent may require.
- 3. No lending institution shall issue a mail-loan check, except in 18 response to a request or application therefor.
- 4. Failure to destroy or return a mail-loan check shall not constitute 19 20 acceptance of the check.
- 21 5. Any lending institution which mails a mail-loan check in violation 22 of the provisions of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty 23 not to exceed five hundred dollars for each such violation.
- 24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after 25 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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