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Introduced by Sens. HOYLMAN-SIGAL, JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Banks

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to prohibiting fees for electronic benefit transfer services

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

1 Section 1. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 9-aa to
2 read as follows:

3 § 9-aa. Electronic benefit transfer services. 1. As used in this
4 section:

5 (a) "electronic benefit transfer services" means any service relating
6 to the use of an electronic benefit transfer card including deposit,
7 withdrawal, disbursement via electronic fund transfer, checks, or other
8 mechanisms; reconciliation; reporting; or electronic cash management for
9 benefit programs;

10 (b) "electronic benefit transfer card" means any card or device issued
11 in connection with the electronic benefit transfer system established in
12 section twenty-one-a of the social services law that allows individuals
13 to access public assistance or benefit funds including:

14 (i) any medical assistance card, food stamp assistance card, public
15 assistance card, or any other identification, authorization card or
16 electronic access device issued by the state or a social services
17 district as defined in subdivision seven of section two of the social
18 services law which entitles a person to obtain public assistance bene-
19 fits under a local, state or federal program administered by the state,
20 its political subdivisions or social services districts; or

21 (ii) any unemployment insurance program card, occupational training
22 act program card, adoption subsidy electronic payments program card, or
23 card issued by the New York child support program which entitles a
24 person to receive funds under a local, state or federal program adminis-

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

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1 tered by the state, its political subdivisions or social services
2 districts;

3 (c) "interchange fee" means any fee established, charged, or received
4 by a payment card network and paid by an acquirer for the purpose of
5 compensating an issuer for its involvement in an electronic fund trans-
6 action; and

7 (d) "payment card network" means a payment card network as defined in
8 section five hundred twenty-nine of the general business law.

9 2. No banking organization, out-of-state state bank that opens, occu-
10 pies or maintains a branch in this state pursuant to article five-C of
11 this chapter, or foreign banking corporation licensed by the superinten-
12 dent to transact business in this state shall impose any fee for elec-
13 tronic benefit transfer services attributable to the use of an electron-
14 ic benefit transfer card.

15 3. No operator or owner of an automated teller machine as defined in
16 section seventy-five-b of this chapter shall impose any fee or surcharge
17 for electronic benefit transfer services attributable to the use of an
18 electronic benefit transfer card, except for interchange fees.

19 4. (a) Nothing in this section shall apply to any national bank,
20 federal savings bank, federal savings and loan association, federal
21 credit union, or any entity chartered or licensed by the United States.

22 (b) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any
23 person or circumstances is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not
24 affect other provisions or applications of this section which can be
25 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
26 end the provisions of this section are severable.

27 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any
28 contract for electronic benefit transfer services as defined in section
29 9-aa of the banking law, as added by section one of this act, entered
30 into on or after such effective date between the state, or any agency,
31 subdivision or department thereof, and any entity subject to the New
32 York state banking law, general business law, or financial services law,
33 notwithstanding the terms of such current contracts.