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Introduced by Sen. MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection -- recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Protection in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring issuers of credit cards to give the cardholder at least thirty days notice before closing, cancelling, or terminating the cardholder's account

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 520-f to read as follows:

§ 520-f. Issuer cancellation. 1. Notice required. No issuer shall close, cancel, or terminate a holder's account with the issuer for the extension of credit through the use of a credit card without providing the holder written notice via email, text message, or written letter at least thirty days before the effective date of such closure, cancellation, or termination.

2. Exceptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply if an issuer closes, cancels, or terminates a holder's account with the issuer for the extension of credit through the use of a credit card because of:

(a) fraud, misuse, identity theft, or unauthorized use affecting the account;

(b) delinquency, default, or other failure by the holder to comply with the terms and conditions governing the account;

(c) the holder's bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, death, legal incapacity, or inability to repay or otherwise perform obligations under the credit card agreement; or

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

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(d) any federal, state, or local law, regulation, court order, legal process, sanctions requirement, anti-money-laundering obligation, or other governmental directive or restriction requiring or reasonably necessitating such action.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.