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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Financial Institutions - Fees for Dishonored Negotiable Instruments - Limitation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain financial institutions from assessing certain fees,
4 under certain circumstances, against the account of a depositor if the drawee
5 dishonors the check, draft, or other negotiable instrument; and generally relating to
6 the prohibition on the imposition of certain fees that certain financial institutions
7 may assess, under certain circumstances, against the account of a depositor if the
8 drawee subsequently dishonors the check, draft, or other negotiable instrument.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Financial Institutions
11 Section 1-208
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Financial Institutions**

17 1-208.

18 A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT ASSESS ANY
19 FEE, CHARGE, OR OTHER ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE ACCOUNT OF A DEPOSITOR,
20 THAT EXCEEDS AN AMOUNT SET BY THE COMMISSIONER, BECAUSE OF
21 NONPAYMENT BY THE DRAWEE OF ANY CHECK, DRAFT, OR OTHER NEGOTIABLE
22 INSTRUMENT WHICH HAD BEEN DEPOSITED IN GOOD FAITH TO SUCH ACCOUNT.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1997.

