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By: **Senator Bromwell**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Financial Institutions - Extensions of Credit - Enactment of Laws**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that only the State may enact legislation which  
4 purports to regulate extensions of credit; providing for the effect and application  
5 of this Act; and generally relating to the enactment of laws regulating  
6 extensions of credit.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Financial Institutions  
9 Section 1-209  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Financial Institutions**

15 1-209.

16 (A) ONLY THE STATE MAY ENACT A LAW WHICH PURPORTS TO REGULATE  
17 EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT MADE BY A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

18 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

19 (1) AFFECT FEDERAL LAW PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW;

20 (2) RESTRICT OR OTHERWISE AFFECT LOCAL LAWS THAT ESTABLISH  
21 PROPERTY OWNERSHIP OR THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PROPERTY OWNERS;  
22 OR

23 (3) RESTRICT OR OTHERWISE AFFECT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY  
24 TO REGULATE ITS FISCAL OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
2 laws in existence on or after June 1, 2002 that purport to regulate extensions of credit  
3 by financial institutions.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 June 1, 2002.