

HOUSE BILL 1579

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: April 3, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection – Credit and Debit Cards – Prohibition on Charging**
3 **Fees**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person that issues a credit card or debit card to a
5 consumer in the State from charging certain fees in connection with the
6 issuance or use of the credit card or debit card; and generally relating to credit
7 card and debit card fees.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Commercial Law
10 Section 13–320
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Commercial Law**

16 **13–320.**

17 **A PERSON THAT ISSUES A CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD TO A CONSUMER**
18 **IN THE STATE MAY NOT CHARGE ANY FEES TO THE CONSUMER IN CONNECTION**
19 **WITH THE ISSUANCE OR USE OF THE CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD EXCEPT FOR**
20 **INTEREST ALLOWED BY LAW.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2009.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

