SENATE BILL No. 480

September 11, 1991, Introduced by Senator ARTHURHULTZ and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend sections 3 and 7 of Act No. 379 of the Public Acts of 1984, entitled

"An act to define and regulate certain credit card transactions, agreements, charges, and disclosures; to prescribe the powers and duties of the financial institutions bureau and certain state agencies; to provide for the promulgation of rules; and to provide for fines and penalties,"

being sections 493.103 and 493.107 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Sections 3 and 7 of Act No. 379 of the Public
- 2 Acts of 1984, being sections 493.103 and 493.107 of the Michigan
- 3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 3. (1) An application for a license under this act
- 5 shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by
- 6 the commissioner.

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- 1 (2) The application shall state the name, residence, and
- 2 business addresses of the applicant; if the applicant is a
- 3 partnership or association, of each member; and if a corporation,
- 4 of each officer, director, and stockholder. The commissioner may
- 5 exempt publicly held corporations from the requirement to provide
- 6 information regarding stockholders. The application shall
- 7 include other information the commissioner requires.
- 8 (3) At the time of making an application, the applicant
- 9 shall pay to the commissioner \$150.00 as a fee for investigating
- 10 the applicant, AN INVESTIGATION FEE and, at the time of applica-
- 11 tion and annually thereafter, -\$300.00 as an annual license fee
- 12 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 7.
- 13 (4) Each application for a license shall be accompanied by
- 14 financial statements, reasonably satisfactory to the commission-
- 15 er, showing that the applicant's net worth exceeds
- 16 \$1,000,000.00. A licensee shall continue to maintain the stated
- 17 net worth requirement while engaging in credit card arrangements
- 18 and the commissioner may subsequently adopt rules establishing a
- 19 higher net worth requirement to assure safe, sound operation of
- 20 credit card arrangements authorized by this act.
- 21 Sec. 7. (1) The commissioner may, at any time, make neces-
- 22 sary investigations and examine the books, accounts, records, and
- 23 files of the licensee. This section shall not be construed to
- 24 prohibit keeping of records by electronic data processing
- 25 methods. A licensee shall pay an examination fee for examination
- 26 of its records conducted by the commissioner AS PROVIDED BY THIS
- 27 SECTION. Annually the commissioner shall determine the rate at

- 1 which examination fees shall be charged for all examinations
- 2 conducted during the calendar year. The rate shall be not less
- 3 than \$15.00 per hour, or more than \$30.00 per hour for each
- 4 examiner engaged in an examination. The examination fee shall be
- 5 invoiced upon the completion of the examination and -shall be IS
- 6 due and payable upon receipt of the invoice by the licensee. A
- 7 licensee shall not be IS NOT required to pay more than 1 exami-
- 8 nation fee in a calendar year.
- 9 (2) The amounts of the fees established pursuant to subsec-
- 10 tion (1) shall be equal to the estimated cost to the bureau of
- 11 processing the examination or investigation for which the fee is
- 12 imposed. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ANNUALLY ESTABLISH THE SCHEDULE
- 13 OF FEES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE BUREAU'S COSTS OF ADMINISTERING
- 14 THIS ACT. THE FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- 15 (A) FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE, NOT
- 16 LESS THAN \$200.00 OR MORE THAN \$600.00.
- 17 (B) FOR THE APPLICATION AND ANNUAL RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, NOT
- 18 LESS THAN \$300.00 OR MORE THAN \$800.00.
- 19 (C) FOR AMENDING A LICENSE, NOT LESS THAN \$20.00 OR MORE
- 20 THAN \$75.00.
- 21 (D) FOR EXAMINATION OF THE LICENSEE, NOT LESS THAN \$40.00 OR
- 22 MORE THAN \$70.00 PER HOUR FOR EACH EXAMINER INVOLVED IN AN
- 23 EXAMINATION. IN ADDITION, A LICENSEE SHALL PAY THE ACTUAL TRAVEL
- 24 AND LODGING EXPENSES INCURRED BY BUREAU EMPLOYEES WHO TRAVEL OUT
- 25 OF MICHIGAN TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS OF THE LICENSEE.
- 26 (3) FEES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

- 1 (4) A LICENSE RENEWAL FEE PAID AFTER DECEMBER 31 IS SUBJECT
- 2 TO A PENALTY OF \$25.00 FOR EACH DAY THE FEE IS DELINQUENT OR
- 3 \$1,000.00, WHICHEVER IS LESS.
- (5) All fees and expenses provided for MONEY RECEIVED
- 5 under this act shall be paid into the state treasury to the
- 6 credit of the financial institutions bureau -and money in this
- 7 account shall— TO be used only for the operation of the financial
- 8 institutions bureau.
- (6) If any fees or expenses provided for under this act are
- 10 not paid -after due notice WHEN REQUIRED, the -commissioner
- 11 ATTORNEY GENERAL may maintain an action against the delinquent
- 12 licensee for the recovery of the fees or expenses TOGETHER with
- 13 interest and costs.